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Town's Special Recreation Olympics Brings Out The Best In 'Em



FOR GREG SQUAZZA & FREDDIE STRATTON, the town's Special Recreation Olympics at Harmon Smith Field last week was a special event indeed. For complete story and picture centerfold, PLEASE TURN TO PAGES 32 & 33. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



FROM HER WHEELCHAIR, Nancy Bazanchuk can throw a frisbee and a softball with confidence and gusto. She also is quite adept at the wheelchair races, as well. PLEASE TURN TO PAGES 32 & 33 for story and picture centerfold. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Unicans Working Hard At Annual Chicken Barbeque



THE AGAWAM UNICO held their Annual Chicken Barbeque on Sunday, July 28th, at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills. Over 1,500 townspeople turned out, making the event the biggest ever for the club. Here, expert salad makers, from left - Eddie Anderson, Ray Girotti, Al Malone, and Lou Pedulla are hard at work. Please turn to pages 12 & 13 for picture centerfold on event. Advertiser News photo by R.T. McMullen.

Council Pool Continues To Swell

by Stuart Parker
Advertiser News Political Writer

In what is shaping up as the "rematch" of 1985, this fall's Town Council elections are drawing many candidates, including former Town Manager Edward A. Caba, who last week announced his intention to run for an at-large council post.

Caba was terminated by the present Town Council in July 1984.

In his statement, Caba said he did not seek revenge for being fired, but referred to his "love of the community" as cause for his candidacy.

Allow For Greater Public Review

Town Council President Donald Rheault said he welcomes Caba's candidacy as "it will allow for greater public review of the actions Caba took while holding public office."

Rheault, who voted to remove Caba from office, added, "I find it odd that a man with two lawsuits against the town declares his "love" for the town, but when you consider this is the same man who offered to leave the town for \$76,000, maybe it's really not that odd."

Caba reported in an article in *The Springfield Daily News* that he would not distribute nomination papers for a Town Council election until he received clearance that he could run for the office, without having a conflict of interest. His present employer is the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

Caba said he expected a ruling on the matter in one week.

The legal departments within the Department of Revenue, the Secretary of State's Election Division, and the Attorney General's office, said they have not received a request from Caba to determine whether his candidacy would represent a conflict of interest.

A spokeswoman from the State Ethics Commission, though, said her office could not confirm whether or not Caba has made a request for a ruling.

The at-large council race already has eight candidates with nomination papers, and will likely cause the town to have a preliminary election to narrow the field of contenders to six candidates for the three at-large council posts in the November election.

Incumbents To Also Run

Present at-large candidates include incumbent at-large Councilors Edward Borgatti, Thomas Locke, and Andrew Gallano, as well as the challengers; former selectman Raymond Charest, former councilor Valentine Moreno, David Skolnik, and newcomers Dario Mercadante and Charles Avezzie.

Among the town's six precinct races to elect two councilors each, Precinct 1 incumbent Councilors Mario DeLucchi and Fred Nardi have taken out nomination papers for re-election, and speculation persists they will face little, if any, opposition.

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Municipal Association May Appeal Ruling On Dept. Head Union

by Stuart Parker
Advertiser News Political Writer

The Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) executive board plans to hold meetings to discuss the appeal of the state Labor Relations Commission's ruling allowing municipal department heads to unionize.

The commission ruled July 26th that a petition of Agawam town department heads seeking to unionize for collective bargaining purposes was permissible, setting a state precedent and reversing past commission rulings.

The town, or agency acting on behalf of the town's position to prevent unionization of department heads, will have until Monday, August 5th to file an appeal with the commission.

11 Allowed To Unionize

If the decision is not appealed, the immediate impact of the decision in Agawam would allow 11 department heads to unionize through Teamsters Local 404.

Local 404 President Albert Tardy hailed the commission's ruling as "a positive step forward for municipal workers," and said he expected town department heads to be able to vote on whether or not to unionize by mid-September.

Department heads will be asked to determine whether to unionize and whether to have Local 404 represent them at a single vote of the members.

Association department heads president, Jack Kunasek, initiated a move among department heads to form a union during former Town Manager Edward Caba's administration.

The primary objective among department heads stated at the time was job security.

Among the department heads allowed to unionize are Town Clerk Richard Theroux, Data Processing Director Fred Messier, Librarian Donna Campbell, Building Inspector Joseph Conte, Health Director Ronald Young, Town Planner Deborah Dachos, Town Assessor Roy Bishop, Sealer of Weights and Measures Louis Draghetti, Veterans Agent Ruth Fields, Parks & Recreation Director Jack Kunasek, and Council on Aging Director Richard Mundo.

A majority of the department heads allowed to unionize and vote on the issue have been employed by the town in their present positions for less than three years.

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MUNICIPAL EVENTS

COLONIAL FUNERAL HOME

Monday, August 5th
Town Council Meeting
Public Library
8:00 P.M.

Thursday, August 8th
Conservation Commission
Public Library
7:00 P.M.

Thursday, August 8th
Board of Appeals
Town Hall Annex
7:00 P.M.

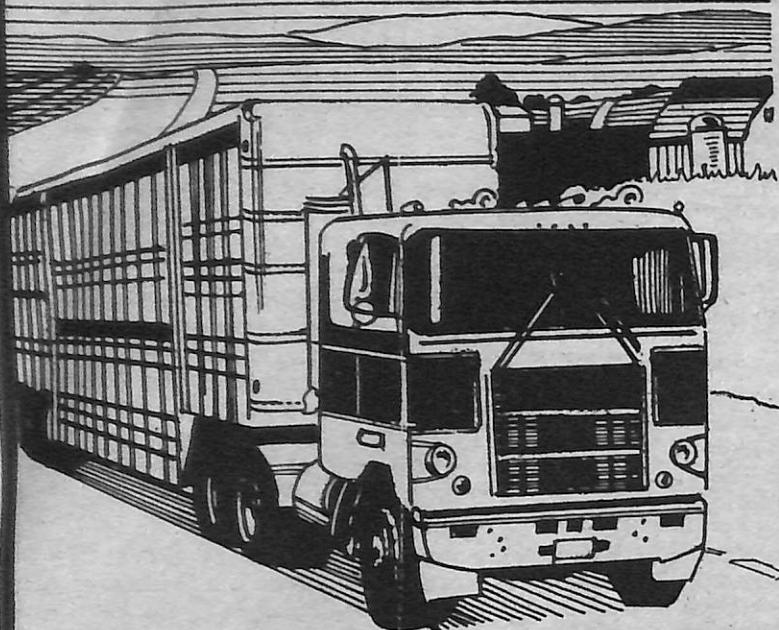
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Charles Appoints Patricia Hebert To Prosecutor's Post

by Stuart Parker
Advertiser News Political Writer

Town Manager Reid Charles accepted the resignation of Town Prosecutor Alfredo Vivenzio and appointed Attorney Patricia Hebert to the post last week.

Vivenzio came under administrative scrutiny following his failure to appear at a July 9th, Hampden County Superior Court hearing in the Agawam Health Department's suit against local merchant Frank Grasso.

The suit was dismissed from court due to Vivenzio's absence.

The suit charged Grasso with operating a landfill without a license on his Meadowlands property off Main Street, at the site of the former town dump, and the site of the popular Mushy's Complex.

Health Department Director Ronald Young commented the suit alleged Grasso had accepted demolition refuse, and alleged possible dumping of the refuse in wetland areas.

Vivenzio could not be reached for comment on the matter as his office reported he is on vacation.

Chosen from three applicants for the prosecutor's position, Miss Hebert is a law partner in the firm of Pacella and Hebert, which was formed this May.

Prior to the present firm, Miss Hebert was a partner in the firm of Pacella, Odierna, Beamier, Hunter, and Hebert since January 1984. Miss Hebert was an associate with the firm since November 1980.

Miss Hebert received her law degree from Boston's Suffolk University in 1980, and received her bachelor's degree from Florida State University in 1976.

Trimboli Named As Town Representative To County Board

by Stuart Parker
Advertiser News Political Writer

Town Council President Donald Rheault announced the appointment of Precinct 4 Councilor Paul Trimboli to represent Agawam on the Hampden County Advisory Board, which has veto powers over the \$14 million county budget.

While Agawam has traditionally been represented on the board by the town manager, Rheault opted to use his appointment authority as the highest elected official in Agawam to appoint Trimboli.

Rheault said his appointment is to take effect immediately, and commented, "It's a serious and time consuming task, with Trimboli representing Agawam's voice in the fiscal concerns of county government."

Trimboli commented he is looking forward to the challenge of the position, adding, "My experience in chairing the town's budget committee over the town hall administration will provide invaluable experience in working with the county budget, and determining Agawam's needs for budget priorities in county government."

Trimboli will hold one of 23 seats on the board, with his vote weighted by the town's \$602 million valuation.

Springfield Mayor Richard Neal has the greatest control on the board. His vote is backed by Springfield's total property valuation.

DEPT. HEADS' UNION - From Page 2...

Though several department heads had expressed sentiments both pro and con over the creation of a union last winter, the department heads are presently remaining mute on the subject pending meetings among themselves and with Town Manager Reid Charles to discuss the issue.

Other department heads, including the chief of police, fire chief, and town treasurer and collector, have been ruled ineligible to participate in collective bargaining. The Labor Commission has determined these positions as management, involving jurisdiction over personnel within their departments.

Town Accountant Carol Taylor was also ruled ineligible to participate as the position is elected by Town Council.

Town Attorney Ralph Atkins who was hired to represent the town in its October 1984 hearing before the commission, and has since been appointed co-town solicitor, said he will refrain from comment on the issue, pending a meeting with Charles.

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Real Estate Going Wild In Hampden County

Westfield Savings Bank has once again experienced record increases in assets and deposits for the second quarter of 1985, and has announced its deposits are now further insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), according to Chairman of the Board Arthur Knapp.

Figures released by Knapp at the July 16th, quarterly trustees meeting show the bank's increase in assets and deposits has more than doubled the same figures last year.

Assets for the second quarter of 1985 rose \$3,999,471 - while they grew \$1,340,452 in 1984. Deposits last year increased \$632,808; this year they jumped \$1,751,315.

Knapp said Westfield Savings Bank's earnings also increased dramatically over last year's second-quarter totals. The 1985 earnings stand at \$1,123,762 - over twice the earnings for the same period in 1984: \$527,368.

Also at the trustees meeting, Knapp announced that deposits at Westfield Savings Bank are now insured by the FDIC, in addition to the bank's previous coverage by the Deposit Insurance Fund of Massachusetts

(DIFM).

"In the past, deposits have been fully insured by the DIFM," Knapp said. "Now, the FDIC will insure up to \$100,000, and the DIFM will cover any amount of money above that figure."

Knapp added that the move to apply for FDIC insurance was not necessary, but was done as a customer service, to give depositors even more confidence in an already secure institution.

According to the Savings Banks of Massachusetts, which charters savings banks in the state, since the creation of DIFM, no depositor has ever lost money.

Both insurance funds cover all types of accounts at Westfield Savings Bank.

Knapp also told the trustees that mortgage business was brisk at Westfield Savings. "With rates lower than they have been for a number of years," he said, "mortgage demand is very strong."

Westfield Savings Bank has its main offices at 141 Main Street, Westfield. Branches are located at 655 Main Street, Agawam, and 206 Park Street, West Springfield.

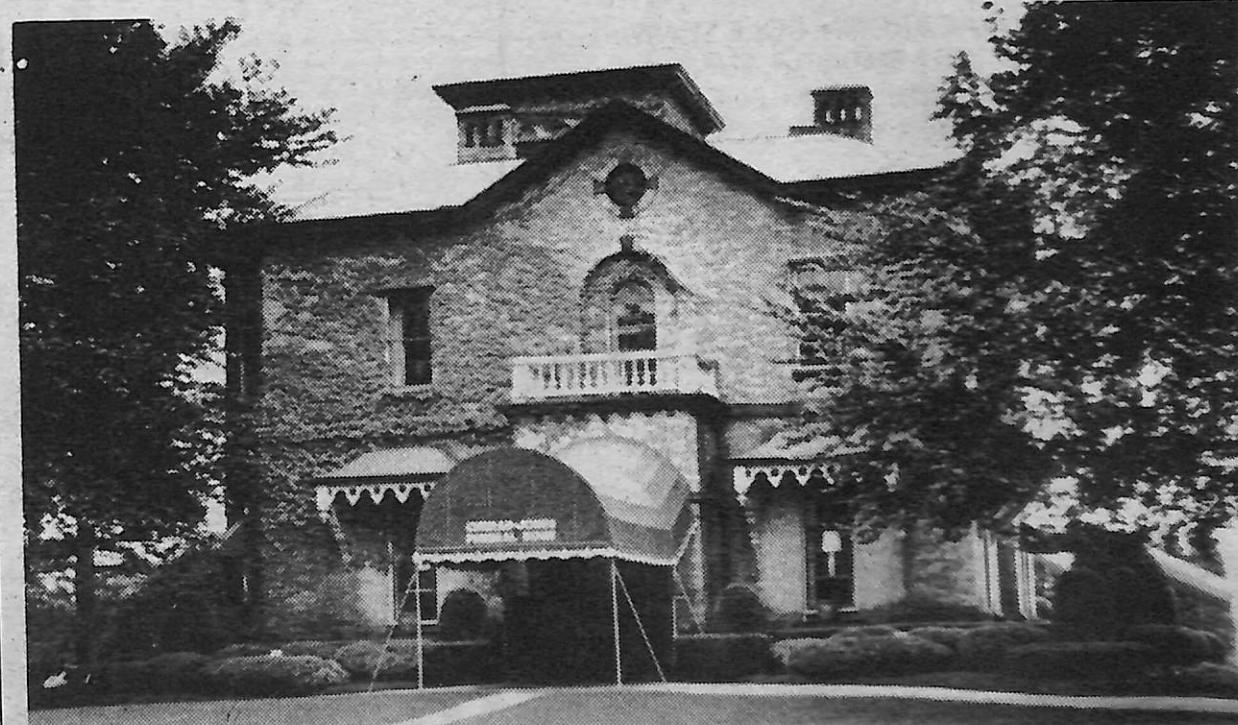
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More Record Increases For Westfield Savings

Hampden County Register of Deeds Donald E. Ashe announced that \$591,198,090.00 has been spent on real estate in Hampden County during the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 1984 and ending June 30th, 1985. This being over \$100 million more than that spent during the previous fiscal year.

The recording fees and tax stamps for these transactions were responsible for the \$2,344,109.38 of income collected by the Hampden County Registry of Deeds alone last year.

Of this, \$1,347,931.65 was turned over to the state for the sale of excise tax stamps sold by the registry at the time of recording deeds, based on a fee of \$2.28 per thousand dollars, according to the purchase price recited on the deed. The remaining \$996,177.73 was given to the county from recording fees.

While this increase is due, in part, to an increase in real estate prices, it also reflects a growing desire of people to own a home. Evidence of this is the fact that homeowners are now typically willing to commit 36 percent of their income to shelter, mortgage payments, taxes and utilities, compared with 33 percent ten years ago.

William Apgar, director of housing futures at the Harvard-M.I.T. Joint Center for Housing Studies, feels that "the baby-boom is settling down." Baby boomers, now moving toward their peak-earning middle years and looking to settle down and raise children, face a very tight housing market.

"The decision by many boomers to delay marriage and children is resulting now in what has been called the baby boom echo, a delayed reaction that has undercut assumptions about declining interest in traditional, large, single-family homes," Apgar said.

Register Ashe stated that all of this activity has caused recording levels at the Registry of Deeds to reach an all-time high, and create serious problems. One relatively recent problem that has had a major effect on the recording work-load is the sudden burst of condominiums onto the real estate market.

Ashe reported that there are 21 major condominium developments in Hampden County, with a combined 2,500 units.

While some are deeded, others are interval purchases, causing many transactions per unit, including deeds, mortgages, discharges, master plans, and unit plans for each unit.

In the last decade, inflation has increased the price

of all consumer products, but home-ownership costs have risen more steeply, primarily because of the high cost of borrowing money.

According to the national association of realtors' affordability index for the end of 1984, the income required to meet expenses on the median house, which cost \$72,800, was \$29,818, but the actual median income was \$26,300, or 11.8 percent less than the required amount.

When the index began, in 1971 it took an income of \$6,770 to be able to afford the median house, which was then priced at \$24,800. But actual median income that year was \$10,300, which was 1.9 percent more than the required amount.

The picture is looking brighter, however. Due to very recent declines in interest rates, the home affordability index is on the rise. The ability of potential home buyers to purchase a single-family home appears to be the best so far this decade, and getting better.

The May index level showed that a family earning the median income had 90.3 percent of the income needed to qualify for a mortgage covering 80 percent of the median resale home price.

The key factor in the index reaching this five-year high is the gradual decline in interest rates over the last few months; rates on loans closed and reported to the Federal Home Loan Bank Board declined .22 percent in February, .2 percent in March, .08 percent in April, and another .02 percent in May.

Ashe feels that declining interest rates should raise the level of existing home sales as well as the home construction industry. As home sales and housing starts to rise, so will home prices.

The median price of an existing home will reach \$75,000 this year, a 3.7 percent increase from last year, and climb to \$77,800 by 1986, a 3.8 percent rise. The median price of a new home will reach \$84,600 this year, a 5.7 percent increase over the year before, and climb to \$89,600 by next year, a six percent increase over 1985 prices.

The frenzy of home sales caused by the currently low interest rates and even brighter future is resulting in a severe shortage of available housing.

The number of property listings is at one of the lowest points in years; only about 5,600 listings in greater Springfield compared to 7,500 in 1978. Realtors are reporting that they have more clients looking to buy than they have homes.

Looking Backward...

Hemp Or Marijuana: New Use For Old Product

by Edith LaFrancis
Town Historian

Marijuana was not always called by that name. Back in the days when Agawam was first settled, the plant was known as "hemp" and the government was encouraging and even bribing people to raise acres of it.

In 1619, the colony of Virginia made the sowing of hemp compulsory and in 1662 offered a special bounty to producers. Today, government fights against it.

As long as commerce was carried in sailing ships, hemp was a vitally necessary item. From it was made the tons of rope used for rigging the tall ships, canvas for their sails and yards of rough cloth for workers' garments. The word was familiar to everyone in those days. A "hempen collar" was a hangman's noose and a "hempie" was someone headed for hanging.

Neither farmer, sailor, nor merchant in the 1600's knew that hemp could be used for anything but these purposes. They learned to smoke Indian tobacco but never heard of marijuana.

The plant grew from seed anywhere, although larger and more prolific in the southern climates than in New England. One of the oldest of fiber yielding plants, it originated in Central Asia.

In the days of the sailing ships there was never enough hemp; there was always a need for increasing production. Some colonies made its growth compulsory but the laws had little effect. Bounties were offered and hemp allowed as legal tender for paying debts. Still, there was no great increase.

The reason farmers were so reluctant to sow hemp was that it required such a great amount of work to raise and harvest it — no one could make any sizable profit. It had to be pulled up by the roots, dried, then rotted in water, dried again, pounded to free the fibers, then cut from the stalk and drawn through a hakele. Spinning, rope making, and weaving followed this.

George Washington tried raising hemp on his plantation but found it unsuccessful. Thomas Jefferson also tried it and confessed that while "hemp is abundantly productive and will grow forever on the same spot, the breaking and the beating it, which has always been done by hand, is so slow, so laborious and so much complained of by our laborers...that I have given up..."

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LOOKING BACKWARD - From Page 6...

New Englanders were also being pressured to raise hemp. Here, they were fighting other disadvantages. In Springfield in the 1600's growers were ordered to stop soaking it in the town brook which ran along the street parallel to the houses. The odor was obnoxious and rotting fibers killed the fish.

Demand for hemp remained high and despite its drawbacks, it became an important product in some parts of the South. Mechanized equipment came into use after the Civil War so that less manual labor was required.

Decline in the use of hemp came when southern farmers turned to raising cotton, and new products such as iron, steel and wire took the place of rope in industry.

With all this use over the years, it was not until about 1920 that the idea of processing the plant for a new purpose crept in from Mexico and began to spread across the country, with the plant renamed marijuana.

Today, both government and citizen organizations are fighting to control local growth and foreign importation of hemp, with a zeal equal to that once used to encourage it. The useful plant has become a hazard to human health.

(Foreign imports spiked with opium aren't exhibiting anything new in production. Eighty years ago that very popular smoke, "Bull Durham Tobacco," contained opium and Opia Cigars were advertised even in the best magazines.

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**TOWN OF AGAWAM
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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, **THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 1985** at 7:30 p.m. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of GARY E. SUFFRITI who is seeking relief from Section 20, Paragraph 43 of the Zoning Ordinances to allow the construction of a shipping and receiving dock with less than the required rear yard clearance at the premises known as 634 SPRINGFIELD STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals
Theodore A. Progulske
Published: August 1, 1985

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Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, **THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 1985** at 8:00 p.m. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of MATTHEW C. ALAIMO who is seeking relief from Section 20, Paragraph 25 of the Zoning Ordinances to allow the creation of 27 lots with less than the required minimum area on land located off ROOSEVELT AVENUE & CHURCHILL AVENUE lying westerly of RICHMOND AVENUE.

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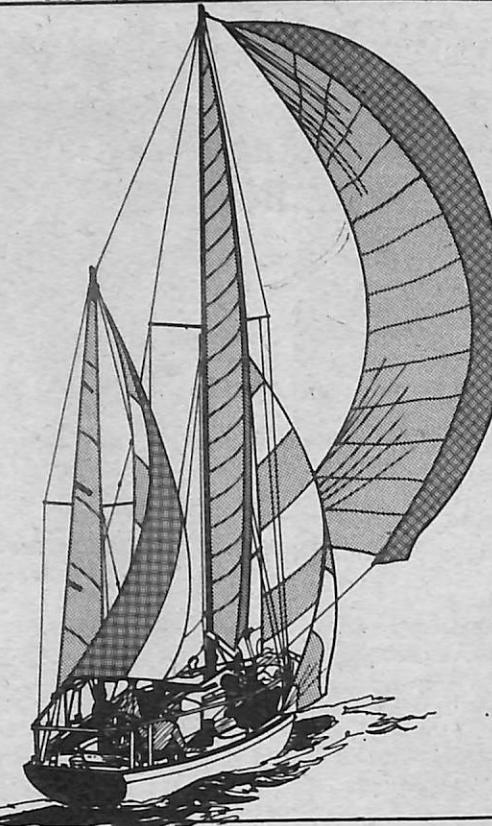
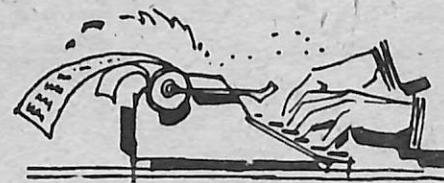
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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR****Town Officials Praised For Speed****To The Editor:**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Safety Officer Longhi and the Town Manager for the speedy response to the clean up of the hill near Zayres.

Their efforts in mowing the hill adds to the safety of the drivers driving on Springfield Street and on Walnut Street.

Sincerely,
Raymond Husson
Concerned Citizen

Turnverein Likes Gymnastics Article**To The Editor:**

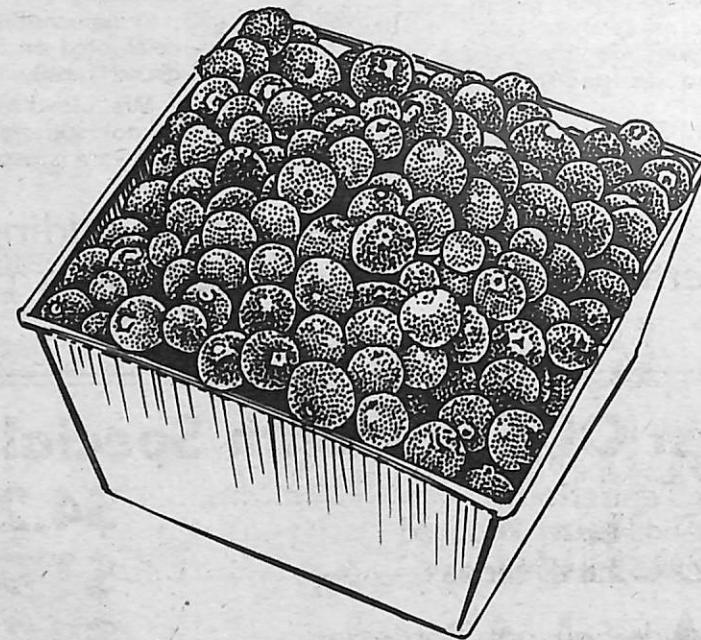
To Judy Kelliher and Jack Devine,
I want to thank you very much for all your time spent in getting the STV article in the paper last week. The article has been enjoyed by all the club members and, of course, the kids were especially excited about it. Thank you again for your consideration, time, and effort.

Sincerely,
Barbara White

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Tahiti and Bora Bora are the honeymoon destinations of the newly married Anthony M. Bonavita & Laurie L. Saracino.

The parents of the bride are Raymond & Shirley Saracino of 245 High Street, Agawam. Parents of the groom are Anthony & Louise Bonavita of 590 Plumtree Road, Springfield.

The couple was married on Friday, July 26th, at 5:00 p.m., at a candlelight ceremony in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Williams Street, Springfield. Reverend Joseph H. Fellin officiated.

Family and friends gathered to honor the newlyweds at a reception at Chez Josef, Shoemaker Lane, Agawam.

Attending the bride as maid of honor was her sister, Regina Saracino. Thomas Bonavita served his brother as best man.

Bridesmaids were Barbara Saracino, Suzanne Mutti, Maria Ottman, Andrea Bonavita, Karen Nascenti, and Kathy Walsh. Flower girls were Lisa Mycyk and Vanessa Saunders.

Serving as groomsmen were Anthony D'Amato, Michael Napoli, Anthony Saracino, Peter Saracino, Scott Ottman, and Anthony Basile.

The bride is a graduate of Agawam High School and Westfield State College. She is employed by Morris Alper and Sons, Inc., Suffield.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Cathedral High School, and is employed by New England Supply Company, West Springfield.

Upon returning from their two week honeymoon trip, the Bonavitas will reside in Westfield.



NEW BRANCH MANAGER for Westfield Savings Bank in West Springfield, Irene Gotha.

Ag. First Baptist Church Announces Teaching Staff

The First Baptist Church of Agawam has completed the teaching staff for all areas of its Christian Education Program from nursery through adults for the 1985-1986 church year.

The nursery class (for babies through toddlers) is taught by Mrs. Donald Cross of Agawam, Mrs. Ronald Sassarone of Agawam, Miss Rose Ferraro of West Springfield, and Miss Karen Modzelewski of Agawam. The nursery is open from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., during the worship service.

Kindergarten class for four and five year-olds will be taught by Mrs. Lewis Chicklas of Agawam. Miss Lynn Reynolds of Westfield will teach Primary grades one and two. Grades three and four will be taught by Mrs. Peter Rose of West Springfield. Mrs. David Paradysz will teach Junior grades five and six.

Kindergarten to sixth grade has an extended program which starts at 10:00 a.m., in Bodurtha Hall, with a general assembly period.

There is a refreshment break at 10:30 a.m., after which the grades go to their various classes from 10:45 to 11:15 a.m., in the Worthington Hall educational wing.

The Youth Group program, grades seven to 12, is under the direction of the Youth Advisor Mrs. Donald

Anderson of Feeding Hills. The Youth Group meets in the Youth Room in Upper Worthington Hall, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. The youth program develops Christian friendships, leadership qualities, and goals through fellowship and interests.

Mark Isaacs of Longmeadow will teach the Adult Bible Class, which meets in the church parlor following the worship service. Reverend Dr. Donald Morris, pastor, leads a sermon discussion group following the worship service.

The American Baptist Churches have developed a total Christian education program to encompass all ages in the church family. The Agawam Baptist Church follows this program.

The Sunday School and church are holding an informal open house for new town residents to become familiar with the church and program on Saturday, September 7th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

"Homecoming Sunday" and "Rally Day" will be celebrated on Sunday, September 8th, for the whole church family.

Mrs. Lloyd Major of Agawam is serving as Sunday School superintendent and Miss Claire Barden of Agawam is assistant to the superintendent.

Irene Gotha Promoted By Westfield Savings Bank

The Westfield Savings Bank announced recently that Irene Gotha has been named manager of the bank's West Springfield branch.

In her new position, Mrs. Gotha supervises the complete operations of the branch, and holds overall responsibility for consumer lending.

A 25-year resident of West Springfield, Mrs. Gotha joined the Westfield Savings Bank in 1961. While her children were growing up, she worked there part-time.

In 1980, the bank promoted her to head teller. She has served as assistant branch manager since 1982.

Mrs. Gotha has completed courses at the American Institute of Banking. Her professional affiliations include the Bankers Professional Network. She is also a member of the St. Thomas Women's Club.

Mrs. Gotha and her husband, William, reside at 250 Poplar Street in West Springfield.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, August 7th
Old-Time Movie Favorite Series
"Arsenic And Old Lace"
Agawam Public Library
Free To The Public
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 8th
Golf Tournament
Open Heart Open
Benefit Heart Assn.
Crestview Country Club
Tee-Off At 1:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday, August 10th to 11th
Budweiser Light Softball Marathon
Benefit Easter Seals
Big E - West Springfield

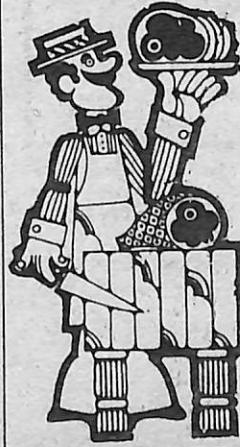
Wednesday, August 14th
Annual Summer Outing
Agawam-West Side Chambers
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MR. & MRS. HERVE MATHIEU of 14 Campbell Drive, Agawam, renewed their wedding vows on Sunday, July 20th, to celebrate their 25th anniversary. There was a 2:00 p.m., Mass in St. John the Evangelist Church, followed by a reception at Ernie's Steak & Seafood Restaurant on River Road. Mr. & Mrs. Mathieu were married on July 16th, 1960, in Canada. They have been living in Agawam for eight years. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE MATHIEUS with their children, Marlene (left) and Jeff (right). The children in foreground are Sylvie Tetreault and Martin Cournoyer, both of whom participated in the special Mass where Mr. & Mrs. Mathieu renewed their wedding vows. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Polish Family Picnic Slated In Holyoke August 11th

A Polish American Family Picnic, sponsored by District I, Polish National Alliance, will be held on Sunday, August 11th, at Pilsudski Park, Holyoke, from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Dancing on the outdoor pavilion will be to the ever-popular music of echo orchestra, from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m., rain or shine. The menu will consist of delicious homemade pierogi, columbki, paczki and pastry, as well as hamburgs, hot dogs, kielbasa, and sweet corn on the cob.

District I, P.N.A. is comprised of all lodges and councils in the states of Massachusetts, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island. It is a part of one of the largest fraternal organization for Americans of Polish descent in this country.

This family picnic is being held in celebration of Polish American heritage month, a national proclamation designed for the month of August. Co-chairpersons for this event are Stanley Soja, Commissioner of District I, P.N.A. of Indian Orchard, Massachusetts, and Stella Rutkowski, Lady Commissioner of the Fairview section of Chicopee.

The public is invited to attend.

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August Events Golden Age Club

August 2nd: Chapter 1 - Board of Directors meeting (cancelled).

August 5th: Trip to Saratoga Race Track.

August 7th: Chapter 2 - Regular meeting with slides of China.

August 8th: Chapter 1 - Picnic at Stanley Park, Westfield. Lunch will be served at noon. Entertainment by Joe Laudato.

August 14th: Chapter 1 - Regular meeting with gift bingo.

August 17th: Trip to Saratoga Race Track.

August 21st: Chapter 2 - Regular meeting with a speaker on H.M.O. and Medex.

August 23rd: Chapter 2 - Board of Directors meeting at 1:00 p.m.

August 27th: Chapter 2 - Picnic at Stanley Park, Westfield. Lunch will be served at noon. Entertainment by Joe Laudato.

August 28th: Chapter 1 - Regular meeting with Ms. Carol Bobek, speaking on medication.

Coping With Diabetes Focus Of Holyoke Hospital Program

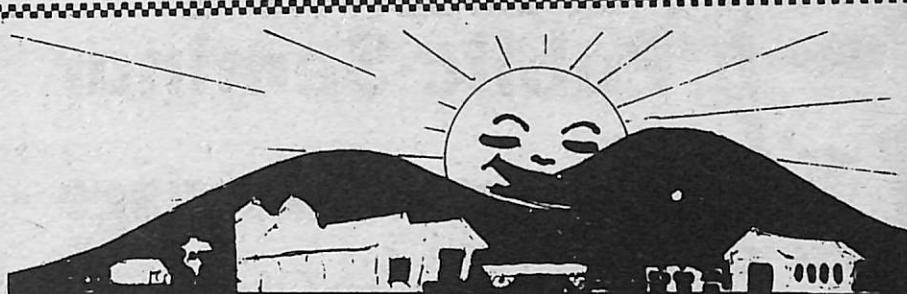
Coping with diabetes will be the focus of Holyoke Hospital's Diabetes Education Program, to be held Monday to Thursday, August 5th to 8th, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. daily in the hospital's North-3 Conference Room.

Diabetics and their families are invited to attend the classes, which are free and open to the public.

The program deals with what diabetes is, and offers a multi-disciplinary approach to coping with the condition. Included are segments on proper diet, medications, reactions and exercise.

For further information, contact Alita Pinkham, R.N., at 534-2514.

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News, Activities From The Ag. Senior Center

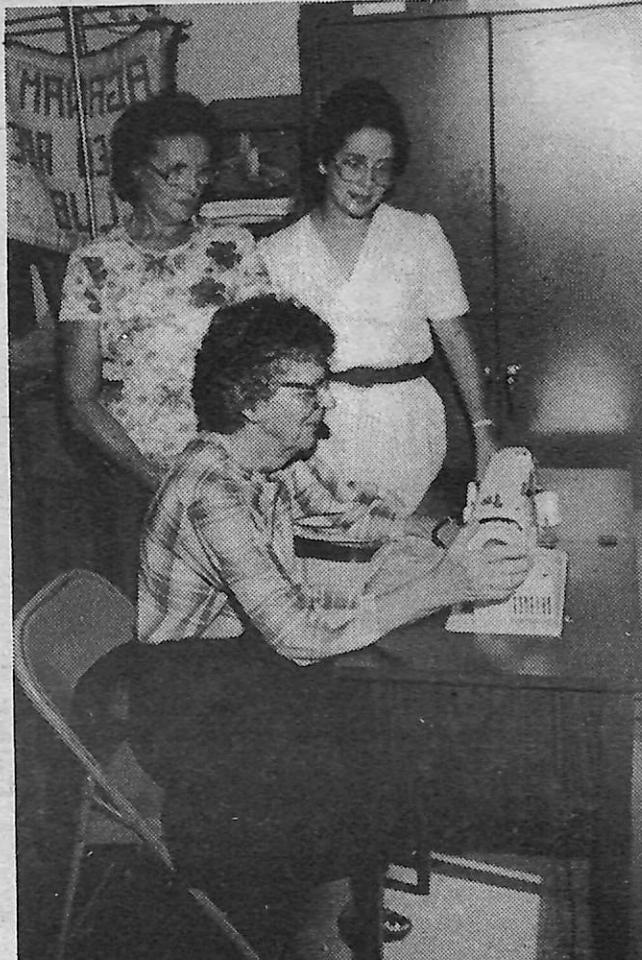
Energy Bingo

Northeast Utilities is sponsoring one of its popular "Energy Bingo" programs at the Senior Center on Monday, August 26th, — another of the Senior Center "12:30 Programs."

Valuable warm weather tips will be offered, as well as prizes for the free bingo. Mark your calendar. Plan to be at the center for lunch on Monday, August 26th, and stay for "Energy Bingo" at 12:30 p.m.

Lake George Trip-October 23rd to 25th

Reservations are now open for the three-



SENIOR CENTER MEMBER Almira M. DiDonato watches senior Amelia White work the sewing machine as instructor Marlene Lynds (center) looks on. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

day, two-night trip to upstate New York with the following itinerary:

Day 1 - Bus leaves the Senior Center at 9:00 a.m. (Pick-up at Country View will be at 8:30 a.m.). There will be a stop en route for an "all-you-can-eat" buffet lunch.

You will stay at The Georgian, a modern 185-unit motel directly on the lake and within easy walking distance of the village. Preceding dinner there will be a cocktail party with dinner at The Georgian, where you will order from the menu.

Day 2 - Breakfast from 7:30 a.m. At 10:00 a.m., travel to Lake Placid and lunch at the Holiday Inn, followed by a two-hour area tour to visit the Olympic Skating Arena, Intervale Ski Jump, John Brown's home, Mirror Lake, as well as a shopping stop. Then it's back to The Georgian for dinner.

After dinner, it will be on to Saratoga for an evening of harness racing where one of the races will be named for the Agawam group, with special ceremonies.

Day 3 - Breakfast from 7:30 a.m., followed by a late morning boat ride with a box lunch served on board. Departure time will be about 1:30 p.m., arriving home at approximately 4:30 p.m. Cost of this interesting trip, which includes all gratuities, seven meals, and a cocktail party is as follows: single \$191; double (or triple) \$159.

A \$40 deposit per person must accompany your reservation, with the balance to be paid by October 1st. Reservations may be made at the ticket booth in the Senior Center, weekdays between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Blueberry Sale

Seventy-five boxes of fresh-picked blueberries were quickly sold at the sale last week sponsored by the Activities Committee, under the direction of Ed Colby. The workers were George and Germaine Fontaine, Priscilla Magagnoli, Peg Bellano, Helen Blanchard, Lee Petty, and Odette Benjamin.

August 4, 1985

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

9:45 A.M. Christian Education Classes

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Immaculate Concept. Has Huge Lawn Party On Friday, Aug. 2nd

The route for the spectacular Immaculate Conception Parish Lawn Party and West Springfield Parade, has been announced by Chairwoman Jeannie Brocka.

Units will fall in at Veterans Field on City View Avenue at 6:00 p.m., on Friday evening, August 2nd, and the parade will "step-off" promptly at 6:30 p.m.

It will proceed north on City View Avenue to Kings Highway, east to White Church Hill, down Elm Street to the Town Common, around the Common on Park Avenue to Main Street, down Main Street, disbanding for the first time on the grounds of the West Springfield Boys' and Girls' Club.

The parade has grown to such proportions that a large dispersal area is necessary. The Boys' and Girls' Club is just south of the grounds of the lawn party festivities. Reverend Timothy Hallahan and Miss Brocka are pleased to announce the participants of this annual event which will "tip-off" the Seventh Annual Immaculate Conception Lawn Party.

Those include the Zenith Color Guard, 4-H Easy Riders, Hampshire Rebels, Royal Columbian Drum Corps, The Marquis of Granby Junior Ancient Fife and Drum Corps, Connecticut Vagabonds Drum and Bugle Corps, and Fred Villaris Studio of Defense.

Also, Pioneer Valley Band Council, Newtown Colonial Regiment, and West Springfield V.F.W. Color Guard and Women's Auxiliary Color Guard.

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Also marching are Dana Goodhue, the West Springfield Colleen; antique cars by Hannan Detective Agency; Royal Order of Moose Chapter 1489 of Chicopee and men's lodge; the Royal Order of Moose 1849; and the Melha Shriners will again have over 200 marchers and musical participants.

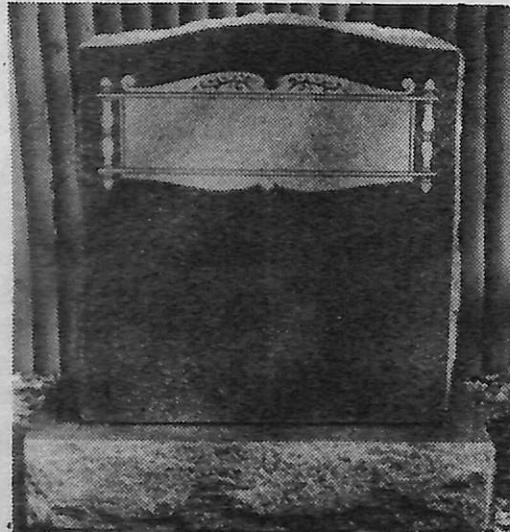
State Representative Walter DeFilippi, State Senator Linda Melconian, and West Springfield Selectman Richard Newman will be in the line of march, as well as members of the Parish Women's Club and the Summer Bible School children.

Rollerskaters from the Riverside Roller Rink will also participate and a seven-year participant, "Pockets The Clown," George LaPan, is scheduled to march.

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Good Times At VFW Family Picnic



RECENTLY, THE AGAWAM VFW held a family picnic at their pavilion on South Street. Here, Sue Seymour watches as Jim Connell pours himself a mind relaxer at the bar. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Fire-Wise...

Arson Can Strike You Anywhere!!

by Rusty Jenks - Agawam Fire Chief

Arson can strike any home, business, store, hotel or anywhere. Deliberately set fires are one of the fastest rising crimes in America today. Incendiary or suspicious fires claim approximately 900 lives annually and cost approximately one billion dollars. The Agawam Fire Department warns that arson costs more than just property damage. It causes a loss of jobs and income, a loss of business taxes, increased insurance premiums and increased taxes to pay for additional police and fire protection. The price of arson is high,

but you can help reduce it.

— Report suspicious activities or fires, anonymously if you wish.

— If you have any information that might help solve an arson, give it to the police or fire department.

— Report abandoned buildings or cars to the Agawam Fire Department.

— Talk to neighbors about what you as a community and individuals can do to prevent arson crimes.

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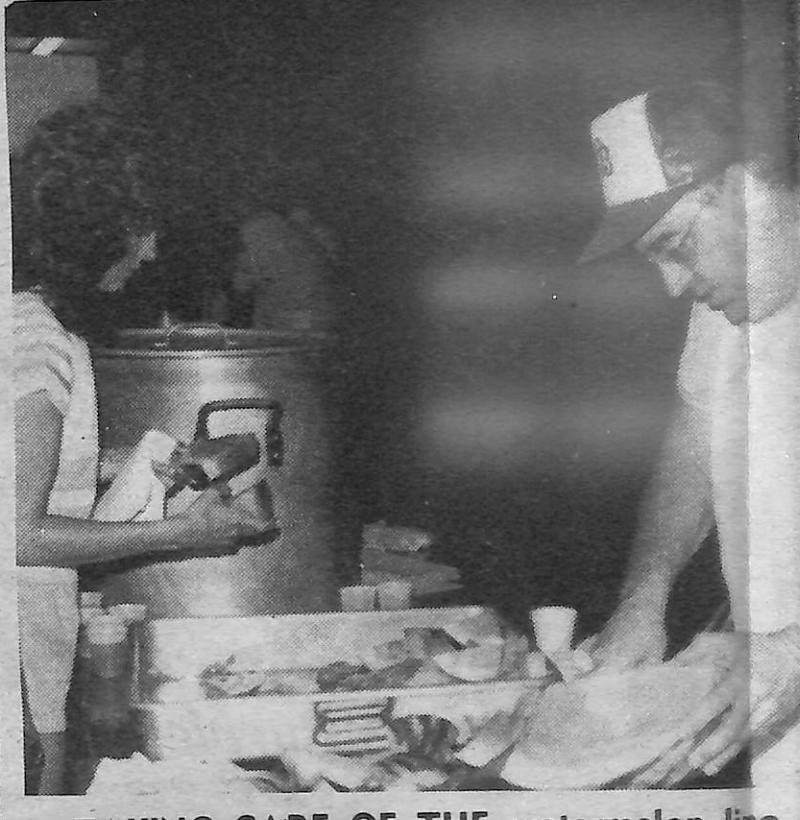
1,500 Jam UNICO Barbeque



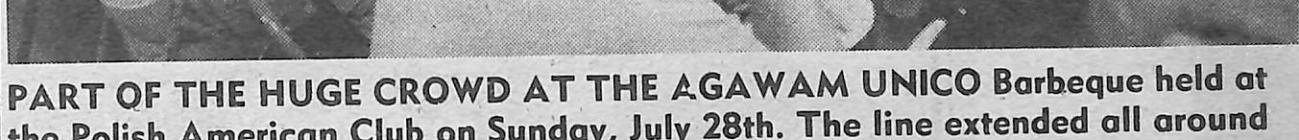
THE CORN MAKERS: Making sure the corn stays good and hot at the Agawam UNICO Barbeque on Sunday, July 28th, were these Unicans, including -Rudy Altobelli, Ron Brown, Vic Govoni and Victor Carra.



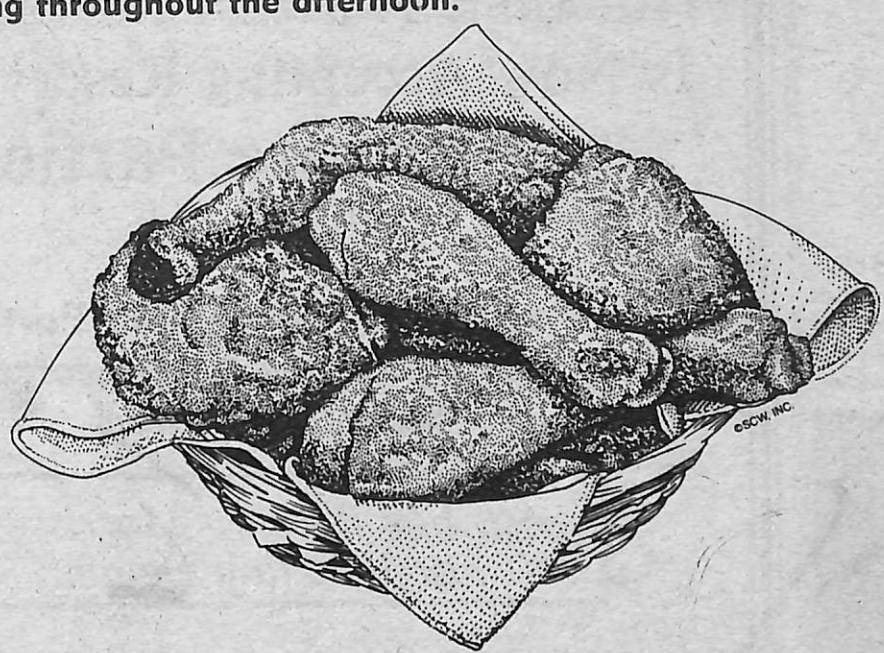
AGAWAM UNICO MEMBERS manning the to Ferrarini, Al Settebro, and Earl Provost.



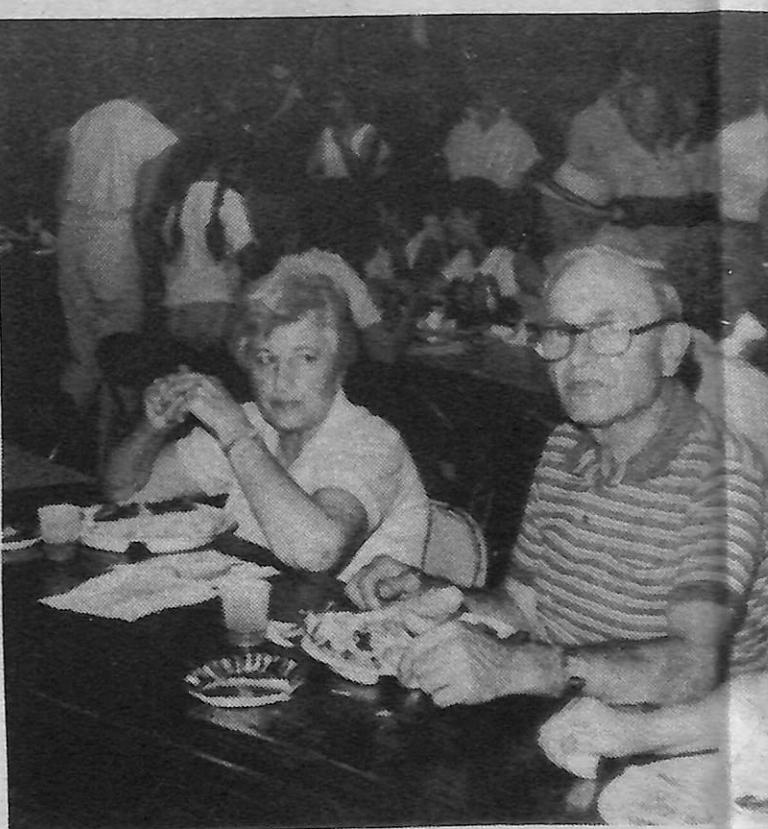
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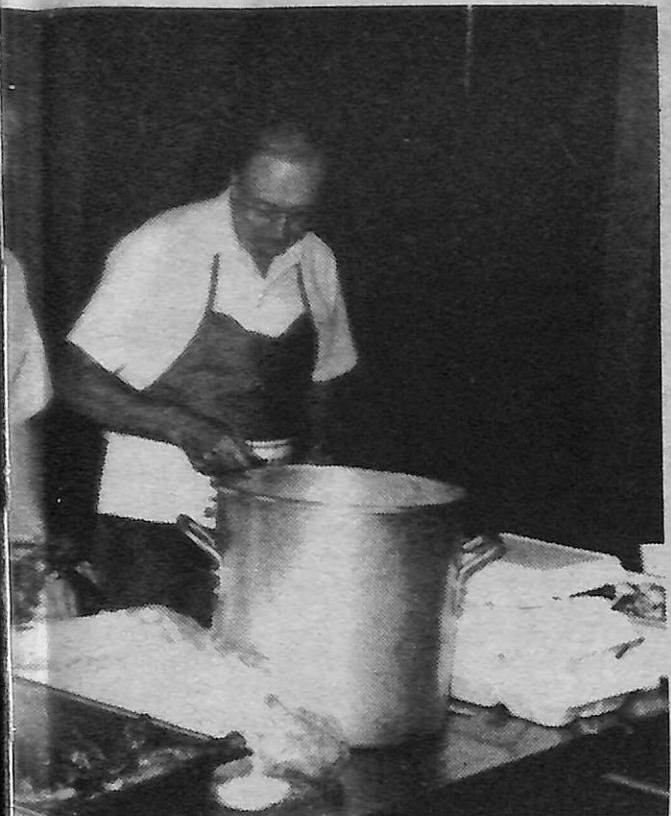


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ENJOYING THEIR MEAL at the jammed Agawam UNICO Barbeque, from left, Amelia & Mike Christopher, and Maria Laudo.

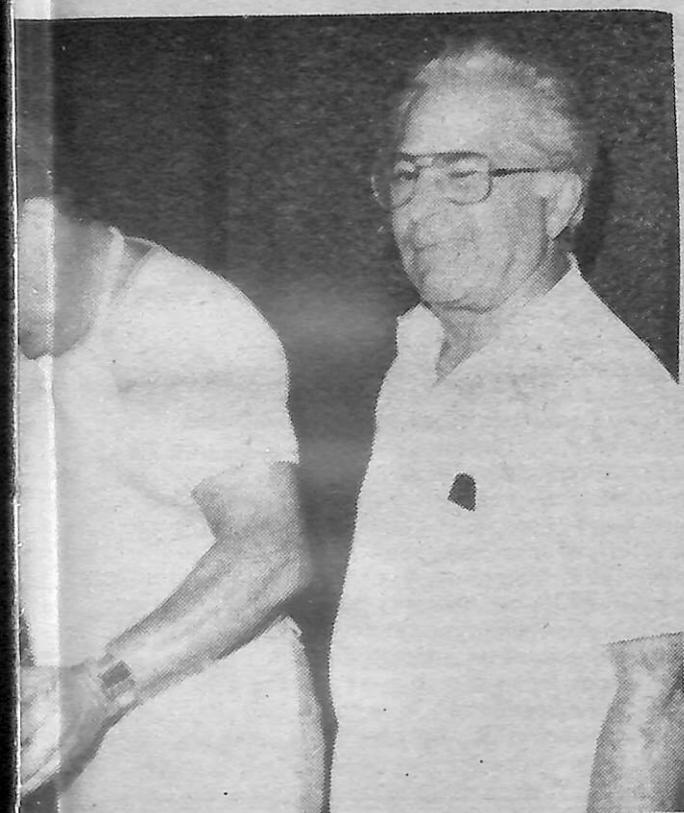
Barbeque - Billed Biggest Ever



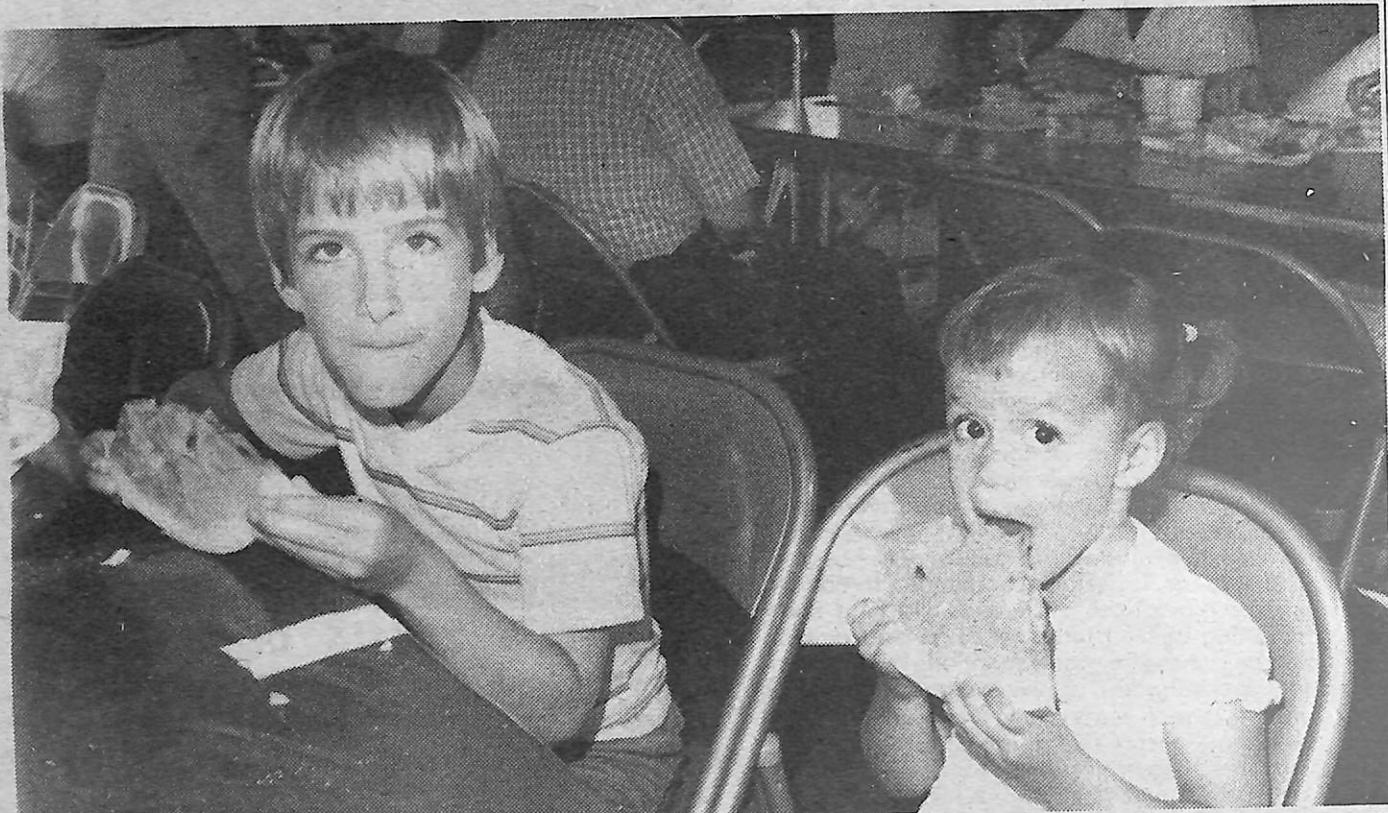
he take-out line are, from left - Paul



IN THE PITS: This gang was responsible for cooking the delicious barbequed chicken at the UNICO Barbeque on Sunday, July 28th.



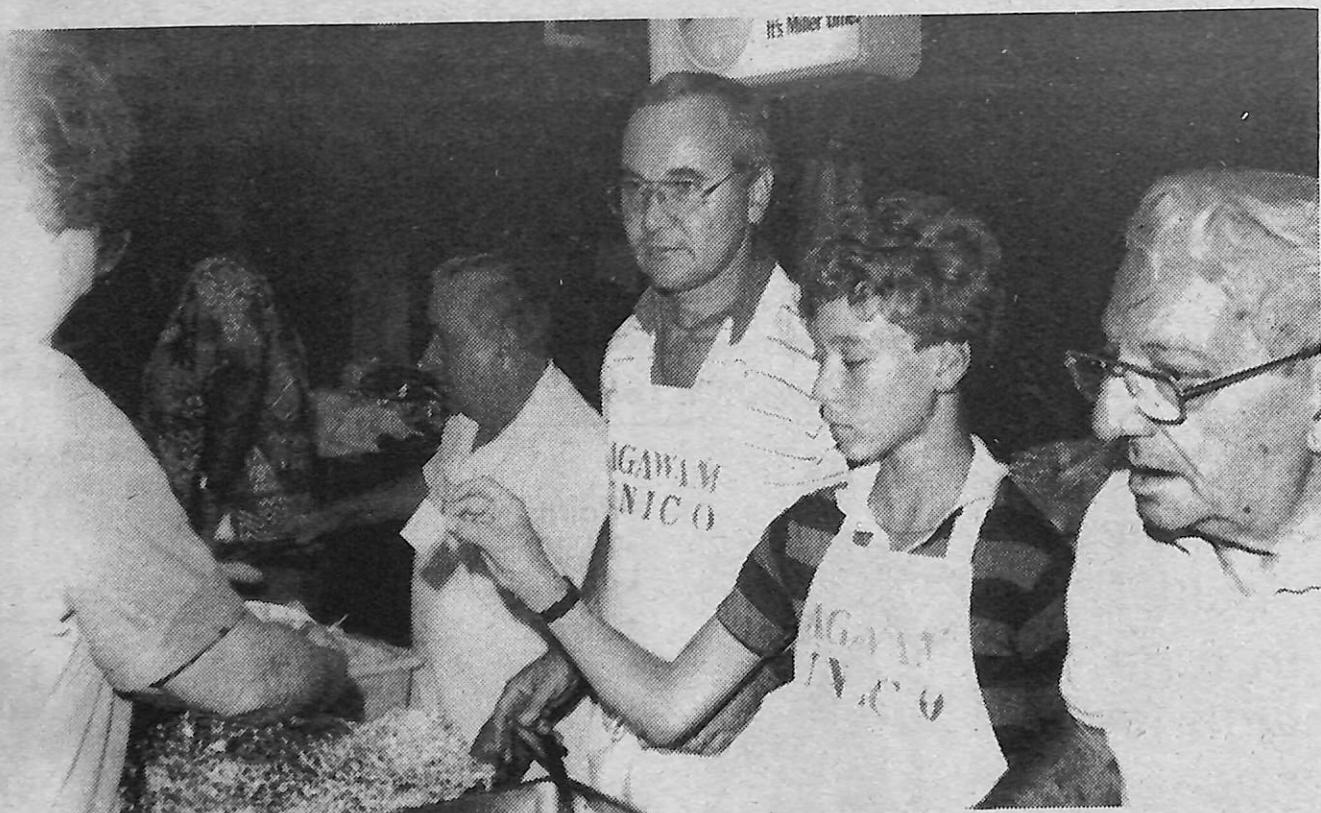
line are Charles Lombardi and Dick
opher R.T. McMullen a quick wink.



GOBBLING DOWN THE DELICIOUS native watermelon at the UNICO Barbeque last Sunday were Brian & Emily Swenson of Agawam.



Agawam Polish Club Pavilion were
Laudati of Springfield.



TOM DEPALO, FRED MONTESSI, MICHAEL MONTESSI, & FRANK FAGNANI in the UNICO serving line, trying to keep up with the huge throng going through.

Demkos Continue To Harbor Local Interests In 4-H Club

by Laura B. Dugan
Advertiser News Feature Writer

"I Pledge:

*My Head to clearer thinking -
My Heart to greater loyalty -
My Hands to larger service and
My Health to better living -
for my club, my community, my country and my
world."*

That is what 4-H is all about. That is how Michael & Zoafia Demko of Agawam have been teaching local youth for more than 20 years in the 4-H program. They first became involved as leaders when their two sons had baby beef projects.

Later, as soon as their daughter was old enough to cook and sew, she too, joined 4-H. Once started, Mr. & Mrs. Demko never stopped promoting club work. "As long as we are able we will continue working with young people through 4-H, we will," is the philosophy expressed by the Demkos.

In 1914, Congress passed an act providing for a National Cooperative Extension Service. Under this act, the former many and varied kinds of boys' and girls' "club work" throughout the country became 4-H.

The 4-leaf clover emblem was first patented in 1924, and in 1939 it was protected by an act of Congress. It was inevitable that such a worthwhile rural youth program would be expanded to provide activities and learning opportunities for suburban and city young people.

As Mrs. Demko stated, "You don't have to live on a farm to be in 4-H."

Hampden County 4-H Fair

Mr. & Mrs. Demko interrupted their preparations for the Hampden County 4-H Fair (held this year on July 27th) to talk about 4-H. The fair is participated in by several hundred county youth who gather to exhibit and demonstrate their club projects.

The fair catalog contains a long list of classes for competition, ranging from art work to woodworking, as well as traditional club projects of canning, sewing, dairy and beef cattle, goats, sheep, swine, and many, many more.

Cooperating with the Hampden County 4-H Fair Association, whose officers and members volunteer their time, are the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture (with cash premiums and ribbons), and Eastern States Exposition, which donates the use of its facilities. The young folk themselves must do the work of setting up and caring for their exhibits.

The catalog's listing of trophies and awards donated for the fair is impressive and requires a great deal of advance preparation.

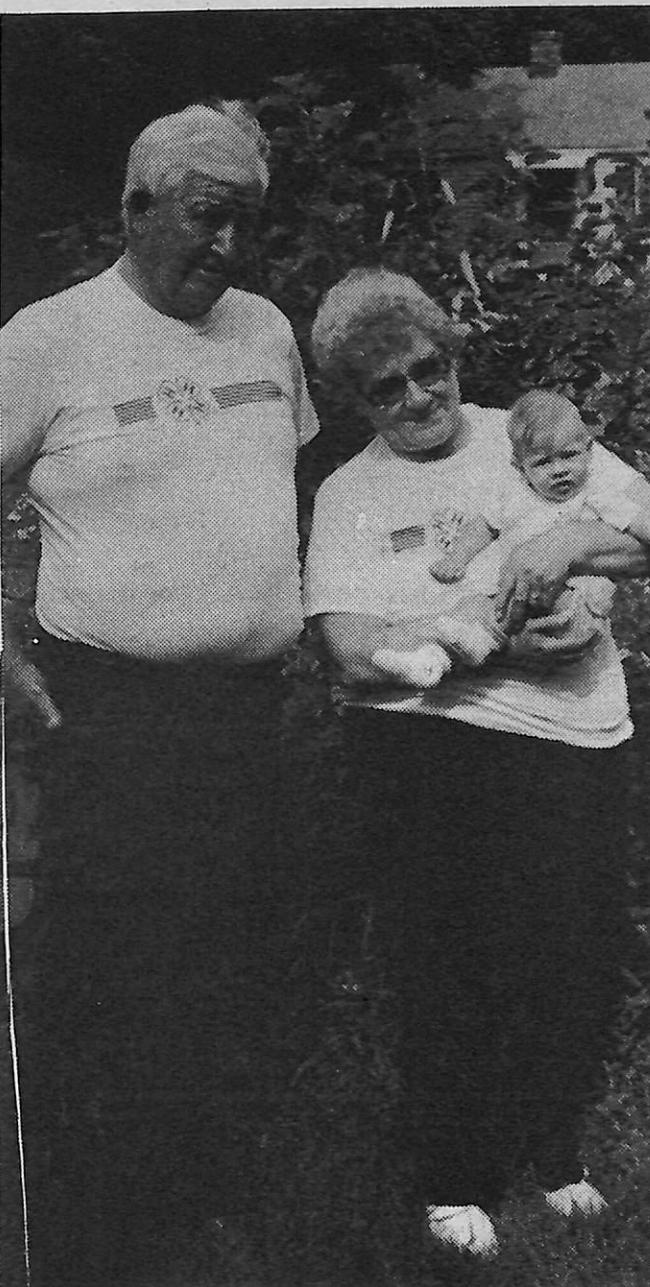
For Mrs. Demko, however, this responsibility is a labor of love. Through the generosity of many people and organizations, local merchants and parents, the needs are supplied.

As Mrs. Demko explained, a trophy is not necessarily a silver cup or an engraved plaque. It can be something very practical, such as a clock, a show halter, or a bag of feed for a pet, or a club animal. Items may be donated or cash donations may be converted into special prizes, or given in cash.

Children six to nine years of age are in what is called the Clover Group. From age nine to 14, members are working on their club projects, and for the 14 to 19 age group, there are service clubs whose members are in-

volved in many areas of community service, education, and helping the handicapped.

Local club members provide assistance and parties at Belchertown State Hospital with presents at Christmas and treats on other holidays. Bake sales, raffles, etc., are conducted to earn money for these projects.



MICHAEL & ZOAFIA DEMKO of Agawam look over their garden with future 4-H club member, granddaughter Elena. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

jects.

Service club members, working with County Club Agent Mary Phelon, have devoted many, many hours to the Special Olympics program.

Also, a few years ago, a group responded to a call for patterning teams for a handicapped little girl. They were well rewarded by seeing her learn to walk. All of these years in 4-H add up to a lot of future good citizens.

Support Of Parents Needed

4-H offers a great opportunity for parents to share more closely those growing-up years with their children. The diversity of activities available through 4-H can certainly be one answer to the oft-heard statement — "But the children have nothing to do."

However, the children need help and support, especially from their parents. Being a club leader is a sure way to give such support, and is an investment which provides immeasurable returns over a lifetime.

There are regular get-togethers for leaders at different times and in different places. In October at the University of Massachusetts 4-H Center in Ashland, there will be a "Service Recognition Program" for leaders; there is an "All-Star" recognition event for Massachusetts leaders and 4-H families.

There is an annual rotating "Regional Leaders' Forum" for the 13 northeastern states, to be held this year in Vermont.

The Demkos laughed as they told about the first trip they organized about 20 years ago for the local 4-H'ers. They hired a bus and went to the World Expo in Montreal. That was an experience they treasure, and it was, incidentally, the beginning of the present exchange program sponsored by the Hampden County 4-H Association.

This program has taken local 4-H groups to Maryland, Ohio, Michigan, and West Virginia, and this year, they went to Cumberland County in Pennsylvania. Members stay with host families for a week and work along with their hosts, harvesting hay or whatever the day's program calls for.

In turn, local families serve as exchange hosts. These trips have resulted in many lasting friendships for the young folk as well as for the leaders who accompany them.

Lifetime Benefits

"Skills and disciplines learned in 4-H will be useful all during a person's lifetime," according to the Demkos, whose own lifestyle is living proof. Their children, Michael, Nicholas, and Adela, all now married and living nearby with young families of their own, continue their involvement with 4-H. Long ago, they adopted the 4-H slogan, "Learn By Doing."

The staff of the Hampden County Improvement League, 1499 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield (phone 736-7204) are there to answer your questions and to give you every assistance. All you need is three or four children and an interested adult.

As a leader, or as a club member, the club motto, "To Make The Best Better," can be the beginning of an especially meaningful way of life for you and your children.



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LOCAL HISTORIANS MARILYN & DICK CURRY continue their popular summer series on local farmers.

Fini's Plant Farm - Part I

We awoke early the morning tropical storm "Bob" was making its way across Western Massachusetts. The heavy clouds foretold the torrential downpour that often gave way to brief periods of intermittent light rain.

"This seems like the perfect day to continue our interviews of local farmers," we thought to ourselves, and again we headed out to complete the series on agriculture.

Our first stop: the Fini Plant Farm just off James Street in Feeding Hills. We cautiously proceeded along the road that now appeared more like a small scale version of the finger lakes of New York State. We approached a village of greenhouses that were surrounded by fields of corn. At the main greenhouse, we parked beside a large white truck whose painted sign read: "FINI'S PLANT FARM, QUALITY GROWERS FOR OVER 50 YEARS."

Tropical Forest

The entrance to the structure appeared as a tropical forest; large potted trees that might have been fruit trees greeted us.

As we made our way through the aisle, we finally entered a planter's paradise. Countless beautifully maintained plants hung from overhead rafters.

On either side of the pathway there is rows of equally well-kept plants of all varieties (guiding the visitor to the office located in the middle of the greenhouse.)

Overhead, the rain had increased in its fury and the sound of the torrent spattering against the greenhouse covering reminded us of summer evenings; we listened to the rhythmic music of a soft rain dancing upon a slate roof.

We were greeted by young Paul Fini who must be in his early twenties, yet appeared no more than 17 or 18 years of age.

After the usual introduction and reason for our presence, Paul commenced with an entourage of excited briefings on the Fini family enterprise.

Immediately, we surmised that we had once again encountered a totally dedicated member of our town's younger generation that seems intent on making a go of farming within the community. Paul's attitude toward his vocation was most positive as he expressed his future objective of increasing the family farm with additional greenhouses, thereby expanding the business by entering the field of interior landscaping.

Despite the fact that this young enthusiast of farming seemed as if he had recently graduated from Agawam High School, he proudly exclaimed he was a 1983 graduate of the DuPage Horticultural College in Illinois.

"It's the finest school of its kind in the country!" exclaimed Paul. We were totally impressed with his sincerity and obvious commitment to his chosen field of labor.

Four Generations Of Farming

Throughout the interview, the task of inquiry was minimal since Paul's enthusiasm provided us with fact upon fact of information pertaining to the family tradition.



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AL FINI OF FINI'S PLANT FARM on James Street, Feeding Hills, displays one of his many beautiful hanging plants. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

As the young horticulturist expounded on the family history, we soon learned that Paul's great-grandfather, Dante Fini, was the first to venture into local farming.

"At that time, the Finis were farming in West Springfield," said Paul.

We inquired if the old and well visited Fini Produce Stand, located just across the Agawam Bridge, was connected to the family enterprise. "Yes," replied Paul, "that was my grandmother."

We chuckled, realizing that years ago, his grandmother, Edna Fini, had taught Mrs. Curry how to make spaghetti!

By that time, we were joined by Paul's grandfather, Philip. "That must have been a 100 years ago," Dick and I remarked in a figurative manner of speaking. "You're right," exclaimed the grandfather, while a pleasant smile graced his weathered countenance.

By now, the family history was flowing like the clear waters of a spring freshet! Dante Fini and his wife were the first of the Fini clan to farm over 50 years ago.

At that time, the Finis resided and farmed their lands in West Springfield. Grandfather Philip admitted that as a young boy he did not like school.

Whereby, his father purchased a horse and wagon and informed the young man that he was to become a farmer.

Indeed, the younger generation in those days abided by the decision of the parents and certainly in the case of the Fini family, great-grandfather Dante had not been wrong in his conviction!

Today, the Fini enterprise is a living memorial to this parental decision.

Also, Philip Fini is probably the oldest active farmer in Agawam and Feeding Hills.

But the Fini Farm is typical of the dedicated farmers of our town. As Philip followed the advice of his father, so did Philip's son, Albert, continue on with the tradition.

Young Paul, the fourth generation, faces a bright and positive future in the expansion of the Fini Farm.

Also, the Fini women still continue to work in various capacities as active members of the family farm.

Grandmother Edna Fini was the original bookkeeper; today, Marilyn Fini, Paul's mother, is the present keeper of records; and Paul's sister, Christine, is also a

part-time employee on the farm.

One fact remains certain: Philip Fini is the overseer of the entire farming project and his grandson, Paul, seemed filled with pride with this fact.

Although Paul did not know the actual acreage of land presently under cultivation, both off James Street and elsewhere in Agawam, he did inform us that the Finis are operating some 50,000 square feet of greenhouse acreage, hoping for future expansion in this particular line of farming.

Originally, the Finis specialized in fresh produce. Today, they do continue to grow quality corn on a wholesale basis, however, their primary concern is directed toward horticulture and interior landscaping, which is a story unto itself.

Paul explained that even with their eyes toward the future of horticulture in this region, they must rely upon such seasonal produce as vegetables in order to maintain a yearly profit.

DON'T MISS NEXT WEEK'S Advertiser News for Part II of the story behind the success of Fini's Plant Farm. IN OLD AGAWAM is a regular feature of this newspaper.

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THE TOWN COOKBOOK

by Mary Ann Govoni

Reel In Fish: Cast Away Pounds

With the hot weather, hoards of New Englanders flock to the ocean to cool off and savor the long sweet days of summer.

But, if it's not the swimming that draws you to the water, it's probably the seafood. Most everywhere in New England, fresh fish is available throughout the year, but the summer catch is particularly plentiful.

Aside from pleasing your palate, increased fish consumption can be a key health benefit. Seafood is an excellent source of protein and offers essential vitamins and minerals to the diet.

It is lower in fat than other protein sources. Therefore, it is a low-calorie alternative to beef and other meats. For instance, a raw 3 1/2 ounce portion of flounder has 68 calories compared to the same size portion of hamburg and sausage, which have 238 and 400 calories, respectively.

The small amount of fat in seafood is proven to be beneficial by helping to reduce the cholesterol level in the blood.

Additionally, incorporating more seafood into our diets goes along with federal dietary goals, which recommend that we avoid too much saturated fat, sodium, and cholesterol, and maintain ideal body weight.

But remember, preparing foods often adds calories to them. Even low calorie fish that is deep fried or cooked with heavy cream or cheese sauces can become fattening.

To keep the caloric and fat content of fish dishes low, try poaching, steaming, stir-frying, or broiling.

To give you an idea of what a difference preparation makes, given are calorie counts for four ounce portions of some fish dishes:

Flounder Stroganoff	404 calories
Fish in Hollandaise Sauce	400 calories
Breaded and Fried Haddock	300 calories
Chinese Style Monkfish	199 calories
Cod Creole	148 calories
Broiled Bluefish	160 calories

Cooking lighter doesn't mean sacrificing flavor. For those who are calorie conscious, try these scrumptious, low-cal seafood dishes. It's the time of the year to reel in the fish and cast away those unwanted pounds!

Chinese Style Monkfish

2 pounds monkfish fillets, cut into 2-inch cubes
6 tablespoons soy sauce
1 cup canned crushed pineapple, unsweetened
1/4 cup water
2 tablespoons corn oil
1 teaspoon hot red peppers, without seeds
1/2 cup chopped onions
2 cloves garlic, crushed
Pepper and ginger to taste

Combine the soy sauce, water, and pineapple. Heat the oil and garlic in a skillet or wok. Add the pepper and onion, and stir-fry for two minutes.

Add the fish and stir-fry for two more minutes. Pour the pineapple mixture into the skillet. Cook and stir just until the mixture comes to a boil and the fish is cooked through. Add pepper and ginger, if desired. Serves six. Calories per serving: 199.

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Agawam Counseling Center Elects Officials



THE AGAWAM COUNSELING CENTER on Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, recently elected the officers of its board of directors. From left - Robert Hodges, vice chairman; Dorothy Coon, chairman; Fred Affleck, secretary; and Jim Coon, Jr., treasurer. The Agawam Counseling Center offers a wide array of services that are available to the community. The board of directors oversee the center, which is under the supervision by executive director Robin Clark.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Cod Creole

2 pounds cod
2 bell peppers, chopped
4 medium green olives, chopped
3 cloves garlic, crushed
1 teaspoon basil
1 1/2 cups canned tomatoes
1 cup chopped onion
1/2 cup white wine
2 teaspoons parsley
1 teaspoon oregano

Place fish single layer in serving dish. Combine remaining ingredients and pour over fish. Bake uncovered in 375° oven for 20 minutes. Serves six. Calories per serving: 148.

Broiled Bluefish

2 pounds bluefish fillets
1/2 cup white wine
Basil, oregano, and pepper to taste
Juice of 1 lemon
1 teaspoon fresh chopped parsley

Mix ingredients together and pour over fillets. Marinate for one to three hours. Broil until fish is cooked through. Serves six. Calories per serving: 160.

Suffield Jaycees Again Plan Big September "Oktoberfest"

Suffield: The Suffield Jaycees and Friends of Suffield (formerly known as Jaycee Women) proudly announce the 1985 Oktoberfest and Craftsfair.

Oktoberfest celebrations begin on Friday, September 6th, from 6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.; will continue on Saturday, September 7th, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.; and Sunday, September 8th, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the Suffield Town Green.

Fairgoers can attend 2 1/2 days of great music, food, and entertainment.

In addition to the live entertainment on Friday and Sunday, "The Main Street Band" will be performing on Saturday evening.

The Craftsfair will be held at the Hatheway House grounds on Saturday, September 7th, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, September 8th, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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**MORE FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS**

by Vi Massoia

The six children of PATRICIA PATON are quite proud of the accomplishments of their mom.

She will be receiving the "Golden Poet Award" for 1985. This award will be presented to Patricia by STEVE ALLEN in Reno, Nevada, sometime in September. She lived most of her life in the South West Street, Feeding Hills area, and graduated from Cathedral High School. She worked at Springfield College for nine years and is presently employed at the University of Massachusetts as a secretary. Proud mom of Patricia, MRS. RHEA DUCLOS, lives at 95 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills. Here is just one of her poems that has been published.

The Throtnbird's Song

(To Patricia A. Perenick, Sec.
Rehabilitation Dept., Springfield College,
Springfield, Mass. as her spirit ascended August 31st,
1981. She was my friend.)

*Can you see me coming Lord?
Will I soon be in heaven, moor'd?
Is there a place where I can stay?
Where you can hold me, night and day?
In pain I held the golden key,
And now, I pass the shaded tree.
My fear of death has finally left,
But what of these I leave bereft!
My body soothed by those I love.
My spirit met with joy above.
The transition made, I ask no more,
For God swung op' the glorious door.*

Back on June 11th, KAREN M. ALBANO, daughter of MR. & MRS. THOMAS M. ALBANO of Roberta Circle, Agawam, was notified that she had been named to the "Faculty Honors List" for the spring term at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut.

Karen, now a sophomore majoring in economics and political science, was also named to this list last fall. She is a 1984 graduate of Agawam High School.

An apology to LILLIAN WOOD for giving her a new last name "REED."

Lillian, a resident at Valley View Nursing Home in Westfield, celebrated her 89th birthday back in early June.

She is a former resident of Elm Street, Agawam. Her son and daughter-in-law, RALPH (BUDDY) and DORIS WOOD, still live on Elm Street. Sorry Lillian and belated birthday wishes.

DAN EARLY celebrated his birthday Monday, July 22nd, watching his twin sons ERIC and MARC help their team - Collins Construction Yankees, win the championship in the 14-16 Boys League of the Sacred Heart Athletic Association.

Happy birthday, Dan.

The family and friends of KATHLEEN HALLAMAN of Walnut Street, Agawam, would like to congratulate her on her new position as manager of Frank and Tito's Beauty Salon on Front Street, Chicopee.

She took over this position on Monday, July 15th. Good luck, Kathy.

Congratulations to DAWN KUNASEK SULLIVAN and MICHAEL D. SULLIVAN of Spring Street, Agawam.

They would like to announce the birth of their son, ADAM MICHAEL SULLIVAN.

He was born on June 21st, at 6:56 p.m. He weighed seven pounds, four ounces, and measured 20 inches long.

Adam has a stepsister, AMY SULLIVAN, from Southwick. Grandparents JACK & SANDY KUNASEK of Sequoia Drive, Feeding Hills, are thrilled with the birth of their fourth grandchild.

Adam's great grandmothers are GRAM RIVERS from Agawam and GRAM KUNASEK from Florida, who I understand will be coming into town shortly.

Also coming to town for a vacation and to see Adam are his aunt and uncle from Texas.

Congratulations to Dawn & Michael and welcome Adam.

Last year, the DORVALS celebrated their wedding anniversary at Sacred Heart baseball field while John's team won the championship in the 11-13 boys league.

This year, they celebrated their anniversary on Saturday, July 20th - a few days before John's team, Collins Construction Yankees, won the championship in the boys' 14-16 league.

Happy anniversary.

KEVIN & BEVERLY (ROWE) PFAU of 668 Barry Street, Feeding Hills, announce the birth of their first child, JODIE ANN, who was born June 24th. The new baby weighed eight pounds, two ounces.

Jodie's grandparents are MR. & MRS. WILLIAM G. PFAU of 71 Western Drive, Agawam, and MR. & MRS. JOHN ROWE of Burlington, Massachusetts.

You are welcome to submit items of social, civic, and family interest for Vi Massoia's popular **FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS** by calling Vi at her home, 786-5795, or by writing to Vi at 6 Sequoia Drive, Feeding Hills, MA, 01030.

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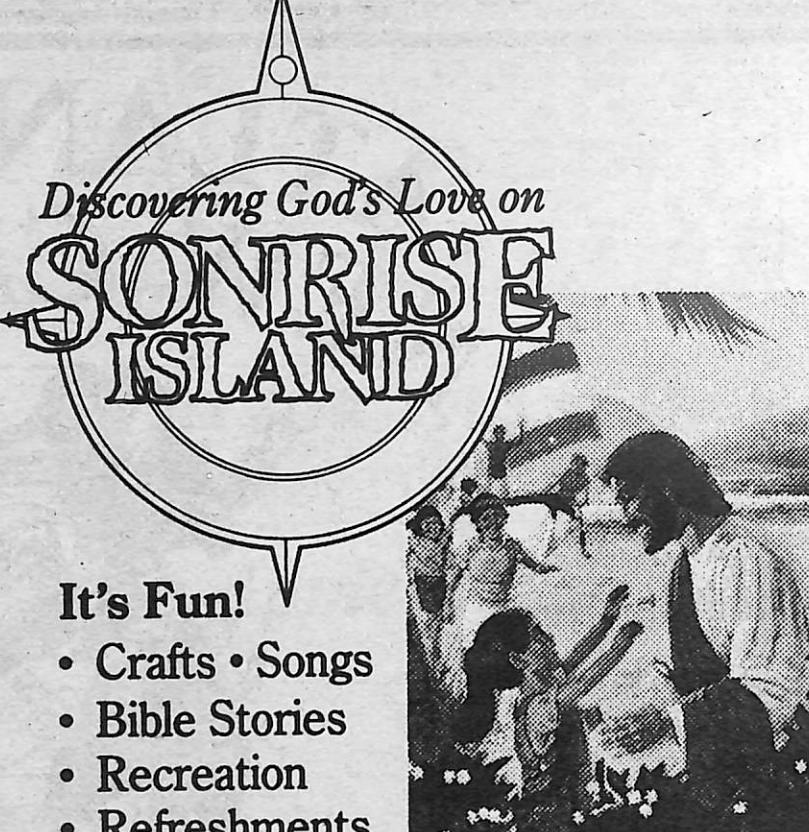
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**MONEY
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by Charles Alvanos
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Financial Planner

**Test Your Investment "Risk Level"**

Why is it that some investors find playing the market an exciting challenge, while others view it as a threatening, intimidating task? The answer is that every investor has a different tolerance for risk — a "risk comfort level."

To find out more about your risk/reward philosophy, test yourself...what is your risk comfort level when it comes to investments?

Simply complete each statement below with the answer that best describes your behavior:

1. You recently inherited \$10,000 from a close relative.

You:

- a. deposit it in a savings account.
- b. invest it in your favorite blue chip stock.
- c. invest in your best friend's cattle ranch.

2. When selecting an investment, you choose a vehicle that:

- a. requires little of your time and attention.
- b. requires some decision-making and involvement on your part.
- c. is totally controlled and managed by you.

3. A co-worker recommends that you invest in a brand new company, A & C Computer Repair. You:

- a. tell him you're not interested. You never invest in brand new ventures — no matter how promising.
- b. research the company's financial background and anticipated growth rate before committing your dollars.
- c. write him a check for your shares immediately because you feel computers are the wave of the future, and the company's sure to be a success.

4. You just invested \$15,000 in an oil and gas limited partnership at the urging of a persuasive relative. After making your dollar commitment you:

- a. aren't certain you made the right decision and suffer several sleepless nights over it.
- b. feel a bit uncomfortable with your decision, but are calmed by the fact that it was suggested by a relative.
- c. never think twice about it. Once you make an investment, you simply wait for the chips to fall where they may.

5. You believe the ideal investment:

- a. is low risk.
- b. carries some degree of risk, designed to pursue a reasonable profit.
- c. carries a high degree of risk, designed to pursue a high profit in a short period of time.

How to score the answers:

If most of the answers were "A's," it's indicative of a low risk investor. The preference is to choose investments that will earn a predictable rate of return rather than taking a chance on losing money. Or, in other words, a risk-averse investor.

A high number of "B" answers indicates a medium risk investor. Calculated risks are taken from time to time, as long as the potential reward justifies the risk.

If the letter "C" is frequently chosen, it suggests a high risk investor. As a risk seeker, gambles may be taken on a speculative investment in return for a potentially higher rate of interest.

Many financial planners agree that a younger person can afford to take more risk than an older individual; a young person has less to lose and more time to recoup any losses. An older person on a fixed income should be more concerned with safety and preservation of capital.

Your age, income, family situation, management capabilities, tax bracket and temperament are crucial factors to consider when evaluating investment risk.

Now that you've broadly identified your risk comfort level, contact a personal financial planner to discuss the link between risk tolerance and investment decisions and how it may affect overall financial plans.

For a free packet of financial planning information or to answer your financial planning questions, please contact: Charlie Alvanos at B: 781-2250, or H: 789-0957, 39 High Meadow Road, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Craftadventure Sets Annual Three-Day Run For Aug. 23-25th

Plan now for Craftadventure '85, the Eastern States Exposition's annual contest and showcase of some of the finest crafts in the fabric-fiber medium found anywhere in the region.

This three-day event is scheduled August 23rd to 25th in the New England Center on the Big E fairgrounds, West Springfield, and is sponsored by the Exposition's Creative Crafts Department.

Judging takes place prior to the show and winning entries are displayed throughout the event, and also during the 12-day Big E - "New England's Great State Fair" - September 11th to 22nd.

Beginners and experienced craftspeople alike will enjoy competing in this event or just admiring the work of others. More than 500 entries are expected in a total of 14 classes, including rugs, quilts, embroidery, hand-weaving, macrame, crocheted and knitted items, plus the latest addition; all types of lace. Cash prizes, gifts and trophies will be awarded.

Besides many exhibits and beautifully crafted handmade items, Craftsadventure will also include demonstrations of various techniques, workshops, and more than 20 area dealers selling a variety of craft supplies, including kits.

The event also offers craftspeople an opportunity to compete for prizes, compare their work with that of others who work in the same medium, and also to exhibit their work for public viewing.

Beginners as well as those experienced in their craft are encouraged to participate. Each category includes separate divisions for participants 18 years old and under, as well as for craft instructors and non-instructors.

In addition, the Creative Crafts Department engages experienced teachers to judge the competition, enlists the cooperation of major manufacturers, retail shops, and others to provide special gifts, awards, and door prizes, and also takes special care in handling all entries.

Admission to the event is \$2 for the general public, half-price for participants, and free for volunteers.

For more information, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Creative Crafts Department, Eastern States Exposition, 1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, MA 01089, and request a Craftadventure booklet which includes details of each class, rules, and entry form.

MONEY \$ENSE is a regular feature of the AAN and your questions and comments about the column are welcome.

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Farming Life To Be Explored In Program

Farming has suffered a dramatic decline throughout the United States during the last half century, and Connecticut and Massachusetts are losing farmland at a faster rate than any other states. Yet there remain more than 4,300 farms in Connecticut, marketing some \$321 million worth of products.

Thousands of families find enduring appeal in rural living and struggle against increasing odds to retain their traditional ties to the land.

How do these families hold out? What trends affect them? How has rural life changed over the past half century?

A photographic exhibit entitled "In Touch With The Land - Images of Connecticut Farm Life, 1937-1985" seeks to answer such questions by exploring the lives of some of the men and women who devote themselves to agriculture in Connecticut.

The exhibition, sponsored by the Connecticut State Library and funded by the Connecticut Humanities Council, will open the Raymond E. Baldwin Museum of Connecticut History at the State Library in Hartford on September 16th, where it will remain to October 26th. After November 1st, it will travel to libraries throughout the state.

Inspired by a remarkable collection of photographs taken some 50 years ago, "In Touch With The Land" follows a group of rural families across five decades.

Through the use of historic photographs, recent pictures, and extensive interviews, the exhibition and the accompanying catalog reveal a gallery of strong-willed, resourceful people struggling with the realities of farming in a small, highly-developed state.

In the process, the study highlights patterns of change and continuity in Connecticut farm life.

The original photographs in the exhibit were taken

during and after the Great Depression by photographers working for the Farm Security Administration, an agency of the New Deal, created to assist the small farmer.

Charged with documenting the face of rural America, FSA photographers criss-crossed the country, producing, between 1935 and 1943, over 75,000 captioned photographs which are preserved at the Library of Congress.

Researchers for "In Touch With The Land" culled the collection for images of Connecticut places and people, then located some of the families pictured after consulting agricultural agencies, land records, and old time residents.

Surviving family members were then interviewed and photographed anew. The stories that emerged, told around kitchen tables, in barnyards or in flower-filled greenhouses, reflect the satisfactions and the setbacks, pressures and conflicts that buffet the rural family today.

The project was directed by Alberta Eiseman and Dr. Herbert F. Janick, Jr., who were responsible for the research and writing.

Mrs. Eiseman is a free lance writer, contributor to the *New York Times* and *Connecticut Magazine*, and author of many books for young people.

Dr. Janick is professor of history at Western Connecticut University, author of several books and articles on Connecticut history, and co-director with Mr. Eiseman of *Vital Signs - Connecticut*, a photographic exhibit on historic preservation.

The design of "In Touch With The Land" was the work of Joseph Johnson Smith, a museum consultant and exhibit designer. Bill Quinnell was project photographer.

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Obituaries

Philip S. Majeski

Agawam: Philip S. Majeski, 45, of 71 High Street, a former employee of Dupont Corporation, Delaware, Maryland, died Wednesday, July 24th, in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield. Born in Westfield, he had lived there most of his life and here six months. He was a veteran of the Coast Guard. He was a communicant of Holy Trinity Church, Westfield. He leaves three daughters, Annette, Jill, and Michelle Majeski, all of Westfield; his parents, Edward and Josephine (Wojcik) Majeski of Westfield; his grandmother, Valentina Lazarz of Enfield, Connecticut; two brothers, Paul of Plantsville, Connecticut, and Mark of Haydenville; and a sister, Elaine Cearney of Granville. The funeral was Saturday at Czelusniak Funeral Home with services in Holy Trinity Church. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the church.

Oreste P. Vancini

Agawam: Oreste P. "Van" Vancini, 70, of 191 South Street, a retired 19-year employee of Hamilton Standard, Windsor Locks, Connecticut, died Wednesday, July 24th, in Hyannis. He retired in 1970. Born in Sagamore, he lived here 21 years. He leaves his wife, the former Margaret Cole; a son, Frank A. of Westfield; three daughters, Norma of Ludlow, Annette Dillon of the Indian Orchard section of Springfield, and Linda Chagnon of the Feeding Hills section of Agawam, his mother, Emma (Balboni) Pola of Niles, Michigan; five sisters, Norma Rich of Sandwich, Lena Harrington of Sagamore, Hazel Valenti of Plymouth, Mitchy Benoti of Kingston, and Alda Frucci of Niles; and nine grandchildren. The funeral was Saturday at Agawam Funeral Home.

William P. Lascala

Agawam: William P. Lascala, 58, of 775 Springfield Street, died Thursday, July 25th, in Veterans Administration Medical Center, Northampton, after a long illness. Born in West Springfield, he lived in Northampton most of his life. He was an Army veteran of World War II and served with the Military Police. He leaves his mother, Anna (Luppi) Lascala, and two sisters, Catherine Morris and Geraldine Warren, all of Westfield. The funeral was Monday at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, West Springfield, and in St. Anthony of Padua Church, Agawam, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield.



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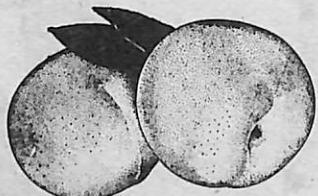
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Schools

Yearbook Catches On At Middle School

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

Memories of their two years at Agawam Middle School were captured for students as they received copies of the first school yearbook prior to the close of school June 20th.

The 48-page "memory books," which were an original idea of students, pictorially chronicled their years as sixth and seventh graders.

Yearbook advisor Evelyn Lester says that 547 memory books were published, featuring color pictures on 8x11 pages bound by a soft cover.

She explains that she was approached by students who desired a means of remembering their days at the middle school.

Since the youngsters would be receiving yearbooks while enrolled at both the junior and senior high, the concept of a simpler memory book was developed.

"The students desired something more than an autograph book to recall their teachers, friends, and classmates. The memory books also helped to instill a sense of unity and belonging within the student body," remarks Mrs. Lester.

Utilizing a simplified format, the books were divided into four main sections. These included photographs of staff and administrators, homerooms, school organizations, and candids.

SEE YEARBOOK - Page 21...



PUTTING THE FINISHING TOUCHES on a 30 year-old Wurlitzer organ which they fully restored are Agawam High students, from left - Jim Parks, Dave Porowski, and Tom Gionfriddo. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS Students Restore Wurlitzer Organ

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

Maniscalco.

Declaring themselves the "Organ Club," the four students asked Davis' permission to work on the organ in their spare time after school.

Upon receiving his approval, the quartet began systematically and carefully cleaning, oiling, and dusting the instrument's motor, tubes, and circuitry system.

Working three hours a day (once a week) from February to July, the organ club members were totally amazed to hear strong, rich notes emerge from their pet project once the cleaning was completed.

"We couldn't believe our ears when we heard those first notes. Every tube was perfect. We only had to replace a few wires and a stage connector," remarks Gionfriddo.

The four young men were not the only ones to be surprised by those first notes. Davis, who was working in another area of the music department, confesses that he immediately stopped his work and ran to the room

where the students were working.

"I never thought I'd hear music from the organ again. After being assured by several experts that restoration was hopeless, my shock at the student's success was genuine," he comments.

Gionfriddo, the club's spokesman, likens the organ to a "Model T" car. He notes that today's organs are electronic, much smaller, and carry price tags of \$8,000.

To Be Used At School Ceremonies

Davis reports that the antique Wurlitzer will once again be used to supply background music at school assemblies and ceremonies.

The enterprising quartet relates that they have never repaired anything musical before, only small radios and televisions. However, they enjoyed the project, which was a challenge, and hope to repair other musical instruments in the future.

Davis states that once the organ returns to its former position in the school auditorium, a plaque will be attached to its side honoring the four student repairmen.

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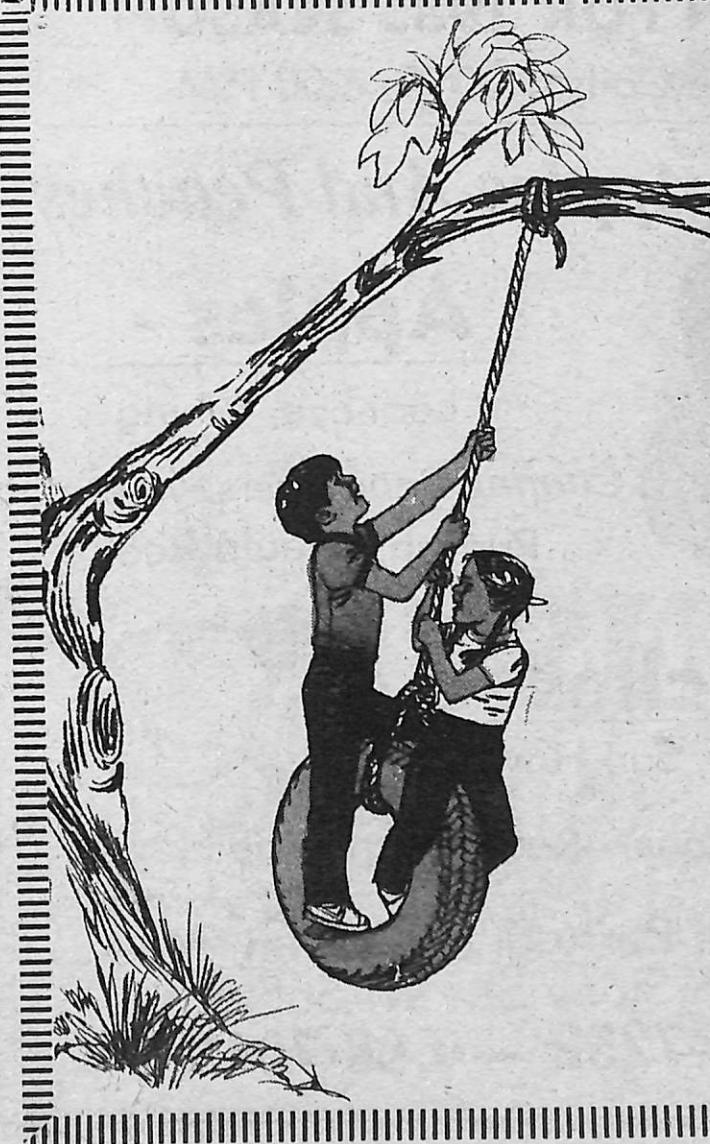
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Gionfriddo Wins Top Jazz Award

by Alexis Ferioli
School Department Editor

For the second consecutive year, Agawam High School student Thomas Gionfriddo was awarded top honors for his original jazz composition, "Cooper Street," in the Massachusetts State Jazz Educators Jazz Composition Competition.

Presented during AHS mock graduation ceremonies June 7th by N.A.J.E. executive Art Gilmore, the \$200 award for outstanding musicianship was originated in 1984.

Gionfriddo points out that criteria for the award states that applicants be full-time students, 19 years-old or younger, and enrolled in a public or private school within the Commonwealth.

The composition must be an original arrangement by the student and at least two and a half minutes long.

Requirements For Instruments

Moreover, the composition must include parts for a minimum of four trumpets, three trombones, four reeds, piano, bass, and drums.

He notes that compositions were judged for their originality, creative use of instrumentation, consistency of style, clarity, legibility, and correctness of writing, as well as for their theme and development, creative backgrounds, and ranges.

The 16 year-old senior explains that each composition also had to be submitted with a cassette recording. Consequently, he gratefully acknowledges the assistance of the AHS Jazz Band for their support and enthusiasm in playing his material for the required cassette.

Gionfriddo relates that he spent five weeks writing at least three hours each day to complete his 100-page manuscript. He says that there is no real formula he follows to create his music.

"I basically think of a tune and, if it sounds good, I write it down. I rely mainly on my ears in judging if

Extension Service Sponsors Get Away Day

"Get Away Day" will be held Saturday, August 10th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Camp Weber, West Springfield. This program, sponsored by the Hampden County Extension Service, is for youth ages six to twelve years.

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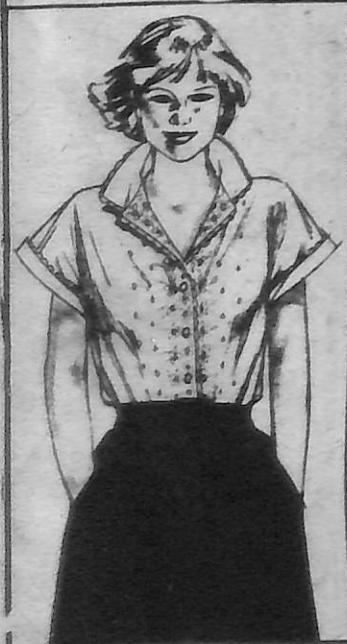
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something I've written is worthwhile," comments Gionfriddo.

Likewise, the amicable musician states that his compositions' titles just come to him.

"I named this year's entry 'Cooper Street' after the road on which the senior high is located. Last year's piece was entitled 'Melt Down,' and I think I was influenced by the hot weather we were experiencing at the time," he remarks.

A private music student since fourth grade, Gionfriddo relates that he has composed and arranged at least one jazz composition since eighth grade under the guidance of instrumental music director Zachary Tileston.

A versatile musician, Gionfriddo plays the trombone, piano, tuba, baritone, and saxophone.

When not busy composing, Gionfriddo is a member of the AHS concert and marching band, of which he is next year's president, jazz band, National Honor Society, French Club, and *Unicorn* literary magazine.

The industrious young man is also a member of a private jazz and rock combo which performs locally.

Hopes To Pursue Music Career

Besides entering next year's jazz composition competition, Gionfriddo's future plans after graduation include attending a four year college where he will major in music. Ideally, the ambitious senior hopes to pursue a career as both a performer and composer such as Quincy Jones.

"I'd like the opportunity to thank Mr. (Darcy) Davis and Mr. Tileston for all their support and cooperation. I'm sure that there isn't another school system in the area which strongly encourages their students in this type of endeavor," he declares.

The son of Paul & Lucy Gionfriddo, Gionfriddo resides with his parents and younger brother, Todd, in Feeding Hills.

Get Away Day

Activities include campfire cooking, crafts, group games, a challenge adventure course, swimming, and more. The charge for "Get Away Day" is \$2 to cover the cost of activity materials.

For registration information, contact the Hampden County Extension Service, 4-H Department, at 736-7204.

SCHOOL YEARBOOK - From Page 20...

Among the groups to be photographed were the chorus, band, library aides, future problem solvers, and yearbook staff.

Mrs. Lester credits seventh graders Jennifer Daubney for creating the annual's calligraphic titles, as well as Karen Paquette, whose poem explains the book's concept that was included in the opening pages.

The seventh grade English teacher explains that the yearbook staff was comprised of 15 volunteer seventh graders who met every Wednesday after school for two months.

With the assistance of parental volunteers who aided in picture cropping and page layouts, the staff diligently met many publishing deadlines.

She relates that cost per book to students was a scant \$4. Sales covered the cost of publication. She proudly boasts that 90 percent of the student body purchased the first year editions.

Mrs. Lester states that she plans to remain yearbook advisor next year. However, one change that she may institute is a cover design contest for students, rather than utilizing covers offered by the publishers.

"I believe that any project which instills school spirit, pride, and enthusiasm in the student body is worthwhile. We are very pleased with our first publication and look forward to next year's book," she declares.

Ag. Repertory Theatre Announces Scholars

Agawam Repertory Theatre is pleased to announce that the recipient of this year's Elayne Jacobs Memorial Scholarship is Richard Skoler of White Oaks Drive, Longmeadow.

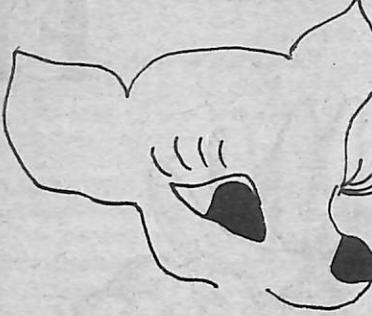
As well as being a member of the National Honor Society, Skoler served as class president two years in high school.

He not only acted in school productions, but directed as well. He is attending Vassar College in the fall, majoring in theater.

Last year's scholarship recipient, Denise Bourbonnais of Agawam, was on the dean's list last semester at Westfield State College. She is a communications major.

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Students who plan to attend college for the first time are encouraged to make an appointment with an academic advisor to plan their program of study.

In addition to the usual credit courses in accounting, business, secretarial science, math, science, and the humanities, there are courses in basic, cobol, and fortran programming languages, and many short or special interest courses.

Among courses of special interest are "Focus on Russia," "Conflict Resolution," "The Stock Market," "Art and Architecture of Ancient Egypt," "How To Get Published," "Right to Know Law," and "Emergency Medical Technician."

Two telecourses are planned for showing on Channel 57 and a major network; "The Business File: An Introduction to Business" and "The Brain."

In these courses, students who do well with self-paced learning may watch the scheduled tele-lessons, reporting to the campus for three or four meetings for orientation and examinations. Students may also schedule time for extra help and review.

For a complete listing of all credit and non-credit courses, students may call 538-7000, extension 244 for a 1985 fall semester catalog.

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Science Museum Offers Bodyworks For Youth

The Science Museum is offering a special course exploring the human body for children aged 10 to 13.

In *Bodyworks* youngsters will investigate the inner workings of our remarkable body systems through experiences with stethoscopes, filmstrips, organ models, and individual activities.

Children will have the opportunity to handle and explore life-sized models of bones, including a full-size skeleton. TAM, the museum's Transparent Anatomical Manikin, will describe her body and its functions as she lights up and revolves.

Bodyworks will encourage good health habits through investigations of the skeletal, circulatory, respiratory, and digestive systems.

The four-session course meets from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. on August 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th. Enrollment is limited and a fee is charged.

For further information and to register, call the museum at 733-1194.

The Science Museum is located on the Quadrangle in downtown Springfield.

Science Museum Sponsors Bus Trip To Bronx Zoo

The Science Museum is offering a bus trip to the Bronx Zoo in New York on Saturday, August 24th. The ticket price covers the bus ride and admission to the zoo, including such special attractions as the aerial Skyfari Ride, a guided Safari Tour, admission to the Children's Zoo, and a ride on an elephant or camel.

The bus will leave the Quadrangle at 8:00 a.m., and return to Springfield around 9:30 p.m. Cost of the trip is \$24 for adults and \$20 for children under 12.

For information or reservations, contact Sara Orr at the museum at 733-1194.

Agawam Public Lib. Has August Films

The Agawam Public Library is pleased to offer a series of "oldies but goodies" films on Wednesday evenings throughout August.

Come enjoy an old favorite movie in air conditioned comfort, all free.

August 7th, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.: ARSENIC AND OLD LACE.

Two charmingly dotty old ladies poison lonely gentlemen, "for their own good," and have their insane brother bury the corpses in the cellar. Stars Josephine Hull, Peter Lorre, and Cary Grant (who gets to do lots of double-takes).

For ages 10 to adult.

August 14th, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.: MONKEY'S UNCLE.

Tommy Kirk and Annette Funicello star in this madcap Disney comedy about a college professor who saves the day with some brilliant inventions, and the help of a scene-stealing chimp!

For ages 10 to adult.

August 21st, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.: THE PINK PANTHER.

This amiable romp about jewel robbers stars Peter Sellers in his first role as the incompetent, accident-prone Inspector Clouseau.

For ages 10 to adult.

August 28th, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.: ROCKY.

Sylvester Stallone's classic comedy drama about a has-been boxer who makes good.

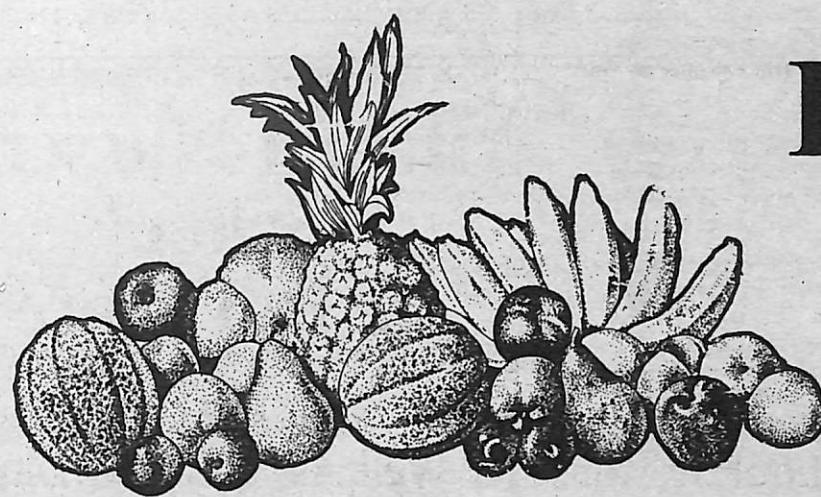
For ages 10 to adult.

All films are loaned to the library by the Western Massachusetts Regional Film Library.

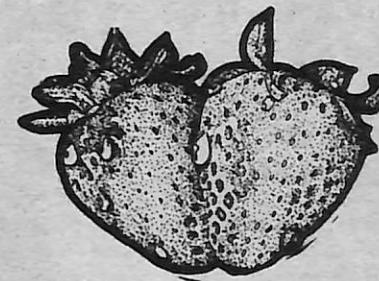
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Neck Problems

The neck, also known as the cervical region, is capable of a wide range of motion and supports the weight of the head. Many muscles and ligaments allow for an almost infinite variety of positions of the head. This is possible by using combinations of flexion, extension, lateral flexion and rotation, which are names of the directions of movement of which the neck is capable.

Seven bones or cervical vertebrae are the structural foundation, providing strength and allowing for attachment of the muscles and ligaments. These vertebrae interlock one with another, creating a unique type of joint.

Within each of the many neck joints is a disc that adds to the range of motion. More importantly, it decreases friction so that bone rubbing on bone does not occur.

Susceptible To Misalignment

The individual bones and joints in the neck make this area susceptible to becoming misaligned. All joints have a normal range of motion, including those in the neck.

A traumatic force may cause a joint to exceed its normal range of motion and result in an abnormal displacement of one or more of the vertebrae. This misalignment is given the name subluxation by doctors of chiropractic. This condition is not uncommon.

Subluxations may occur from jolts, jars, sudden twisting or jerking of the head and neck. Forces entering the body at the head and neck level are many and begin at an early age.

All children go through the traumatic process of learning how to walk. All children fall down many

times during this learning process. Children fall off bicycles, chairs, and out of trees. Many are involved in sports like football, hockey, wrestling, and gymnastics.

You could probably easily list a hundred ways children receive jolts and jars. Luckily, most of these forces are absorbed safely, but perhaps one or two of these incoming forces was not absorbed properly and resulted in subluxation of the spinal bones. The time to have this corrected is as soon as possible. This is why a periodic chiropractic spinal examination for children is important.

You see, most spinal subluxations are present for a long period of time - even years before the symptoms show up. And, by that time, some degenerative change or curvature may have occurred, making correction much more difficult.

A good example is illustrating the deterioration in the neck after an injury is the whiplash type injury so common in rear-end auto collisions. Hospital emergency room care following a whiplash includes x-rays to rule out fracture. If no fracture is evident, the patient may be dismissed, being told that there is nothing wrong.

Many times, however, there is something wrong, and that is subluxation of one or more of the cervical vertebrae. If the subluxations are left uncorrected, degeneration of the discs, arthritis, and nerve root pressure (pinched nerve) can occur.

In the days, months or years that follow, the individual may begin to experience symptoms such as headaches, neck pain or stiffness, bursitis, numbness, or pins and needles in the arms or hands.

X-rays taken now will reveal the degeneration that has been progressing since the accident. Just because fracture did not occur does not mean that everything was ok.

Visiting a doctor of chiropractic shortly after any type of neck injury is wise. He or she is trained to examine the neck and analyze x-rays in a unique fashion, often times locating an underlying cause that had since been overlooked. Needless future suffering may be prevented.

Chiropractic has been successful in correcting neck problems. The individual with neck distress may be suffering needlessly.

Drivers Over 50 Need To Take Precautions

by Dr. Richard Gallerani
Feeding Hills Optometrist

INTRODUCTION: There are now 60 million Americans over age 50. Almost all of them require some sort of vision correction. There are many ways an older adult can compensate for aging changes in vision that may interfere with daily living.

Driving

Over 26 million persons age 55 and older now drive. When the number of miles driven is taken into account, they have a poorer accident record than drivers in their middle years.

Since about 90 percent of driving decisions are based on what drivers see or think they see, changes in vision due to aging are often to blame.

Generally, changes in vision may interfere with older drivers' abilities to see and recognize what is on the road ahead; to see effectively at night; to see against the glare of oncoming headlights and to recover quickly from glare; to judge distances between themselves and other vehicles or objects; and to detect movement from the side while looking straight ahead.

To compensate for aging, it is suggested that older drivers:

— **Seek regular vision** examinations to maintain proper vision for day and night driving;

— **Avoid smoking** when driving. Smoking interferes with night vision; fogs the windshields; and can be a dangerous diversion from the driving tasks;

— **Know the effects** on vision of any prescription or non-prescription drugs being taken before getting behind the wheel;

— **Avoid drinking** and driving. Alcohol can affect every vision skill needed for safe driving;

— **Take time to adjust** to a new eyeglass or contact lens prescription before driving;

— **Avoid frames** that restrict side vision;

— **Avoid driving** at dusk.

— **Confine driving** to places, speeds and hours in which they are comfortable and competent;

— **When driving at night**, reduce speed. Try to limit driving to well-lighted or familiar roads; and keep headlights, taillights and turn signals clear; and properly adjusted;

— **Keep head and eyes moving** to get the big picture while driving. Check rearview mirrors and the side of the road frequently.

— **Avoid pulling** off alongside the highway. If necessary, use the car's fourway flashers;

— **Keep all windows** clean and unblocked;

— **Wear quality sunglasses** on bright sunny days; but

— **Never wear sunglasses** when driving at night.

Older adults generally do not have to give up driving, but they should recognize their limitations and adjust driving accordingly.

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PHILM REVIEW

by Phil Benoit
Entertainment Editor

The Black Cauldron: Substandard Fantasy From Walt Disney

In 1937, a man named Walter Elias Disney earned a place for himself in cinematic history and refined the art of animation by making *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*, the first feature-length cartoon. Then, during the 1940's, Walt Disney continued the high quality of his craft through such popular and critically acclaimed films as *Pinocchio*, *Dumbo*, and *Bambi*.

But, in subsequent decades, Disney Studios produced full-length animated movies that sometimes lacked the dramatic creativity of their earlier output. And, this mediocrity is certainly reflected in the studio's latest production, *The Black Cauldron*.

The 25th feature-length cartoon to come from Disney, *The Black Cauldron* is a fantasy picture set in a medieval-ish land. The object referred to in the film's title is a mysterious and malevolently magical kettle which forces both good and evil are trying to find.

Leading the story's villains is the Horned King, a cloaked, bony creature who wants to use the black cauldron's power to revive a multitude of decayed skeletons. By making a living army out of these unfleshed corpses, he believes that he'll be able to fulfill his desire to conquer the world.

Among the do-gooders who are anxious to prevent the Horned King from accomplishing his goal is a dreamy-eyed lad named Taran. An assistant to an elderly pig keeper, the boy longs to become a daring knight who's always ready to face danger.

And, through his attempts to keep the Horned King from discovering the whereabouts of the black cauldron, Taran gets the chance to prove what he's really made of.

Lacks Cohesive And Well-Developed Story

While Walt Disney was a master at creating cartoons with colorful and captivating visual imagery, he was not always adept at providing his animated films with cohesive and well-developed stories.

For instance, *Bambi* is successful in its presentation of cuddly and genial animals, yet its scanty plot makes it one of Disney's least exciting and slowest paced pictures.

In later years, this flaw became more and more common. A good example of it can be found in *Cinderella*, in which half of the movie is padded with the relentless and totally unnecessary goings-on between a cat and a number of mice that dwell in the title character's home.

Today, this weakness in storytelling has yet to be rectified by Disney Studios, as is demonstrated in *The Black Cauldron*. Written by nine people who based their script on Lloyd Alexander's five-part *Chronicles of Prydain* series, the film is a lackluster fantasy which does not have the least bit character development.

Most of the physical action in the story is not

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suspenseful enough, and the ending itself is anticlimactic. All of the heroes are one-dimensional characters with uninteresting personalities; Taran, in particular, is such a wimpy milquetoast that it's easier for us to boo him rather than cheer for him.

Actually, the most fascinating characters in *The Black Cauldron* are the two main villains. The Horned King is an eerie creature in appearance and — thanks to actor John Hurt's (*The Elephant Man*) deep and hoarse voice — sounds like a seething and merciless ruler.

At the Horned King's side is Creeper, a one-eyed goblin who is dedicated to his master yet is in constant fear of him. In addition to being a good source of comic relief, Creeper is the kind of mischievous rascal whom you'd love to hate.

Going back to the movie's problems, *The Black Cauldron*'s poor writing is also evident in the way the script doesn't attempt to explain the unusual qualities or the backgrounds of some of the characters. One of Taran's travelling companions on his quest for the cauldron is Hen Wen, a small pig who possesses a magical power.

By putting her snout into a bowl of liquid, the pig can turn the liquid into a kind of crystal ball which is able to determine the location of the cauldron. Though Hen Wen's power is an interesting form of divination, the picture never tells us why or how she acquired this talent in the first place.

At one point in the story, we're introduced to a group of tiny, winged people who bear a slight resemblance to Tinker Bell from *Peter Pan*. These characters play a role in the outcome in the film, but they are ultimately rendered as nothing more than a part of the scenery because the script fails to reveal anything notable about them.

However, the character who suffers the most from this lack of attention to character detail is Gurgi. Encountered by Taran shortly into the movie, he's a physically offbeat animal who is shaped like a small dog and has a mop of hair and a mustache.

Unfortunately, we aren't ever told as to what kind of creature Gurgi is, and comedian John Byner's constantly inaudible enunciation of this character's lines results in us learning even less about him.

The animation is *The Black Cauldron* is impressive in some scenes and disappointing in others. The Horned King's castle and the displays of supernatural power have the rich texture and depth of color that we expect from Disney cartoons. Yet, in scenes such as those depicting the background imagery of a forest, the colors occasionally have a washed-out quality and the landscapes sometimes look grainy.

The Black Cauldron will appeal to only one kind of moviegoing audience. Unlike first-rate cartoons which have the ability to entertain people of all ages, this unnoteworthy animated picture has enough fine visual enticement to keep youngsters interested in the entire story, but not enough dramatic stimulation to keep adults from growing bored within a short period of time.

Rating: 1½ STARS (On a scale of 0-4 stars)

*THE PHILM GUIDE FOR PARENTS: *The Black Cauldron* is rated PG for the spookiness of some of its scenes, but it is still suitable for children of all ages.

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Symphony Slates Final Stanley Park Concert

The final 1985 performance of the Springfield Symphony Summer Pops at Stanley Park features country music star Chet Atkins on Thursday, August 8th, at 7:30 p.m.

The Springfield Symphony's program, under Maestro Robert Gutter, includes Gould's *American Salute*, Copland's *Corral Nocturne*, *Saturday Night Waltz* and *Hoe-Down*, and excerpts from *Grand Canyon Suite* by Grofe.

Guitarist Chet Atkins will perform many of his greatest hits, including "Another Rag," "Time in a Bottle," "The Black Mountain Rag," and "The Night Atlanta Burned."

Atkins will also perform "This String," "I'll Fly Away," a medley called "Red, White & Blue," and "Yackety Yack."

Atkins is one of the most recorded and famous instrumentalists in music history. He was born near Luttrell, Tennessee, in 1924, and by age 18, he had made his professional debut playing fiddle behind Archie Campbell and Bill Carlisle on the WNOX radio show "The Midday Merry-Go-Round." Atkins, a self-taught guitarist, became a member of the Grande Ole Opry in 1950 with Mother Maybelle and the Carter Sisters.

Among his many awards, Atkins has received six Grammy Awards and four Playboy Magazine Jazz Poll Awards. He has received three Country Music Association awards as "Instrumentalist of the Year," and in 1973, he became the youngest person ever elected to the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Atkins had his first hit with RCA in 1953, and in 27 years with RCA, he has recorded over 70 LPs. His latest album, *Work It Out With Chet*, is his debut with Columbia Records. His TV appearances include The Tonight Show, The Perry Como Show, and The Mike Douglas Show.

Atkins has toured and performed on nearly every continent, including Europe, Africa, and Asia, and has performed in the White House for the late President John F. Kennedy.

Atkins will be the last performance of the 1985 Springfield Symphony Summer Pops at Stanley Park to be conducted by Maestro Robert Gutter.

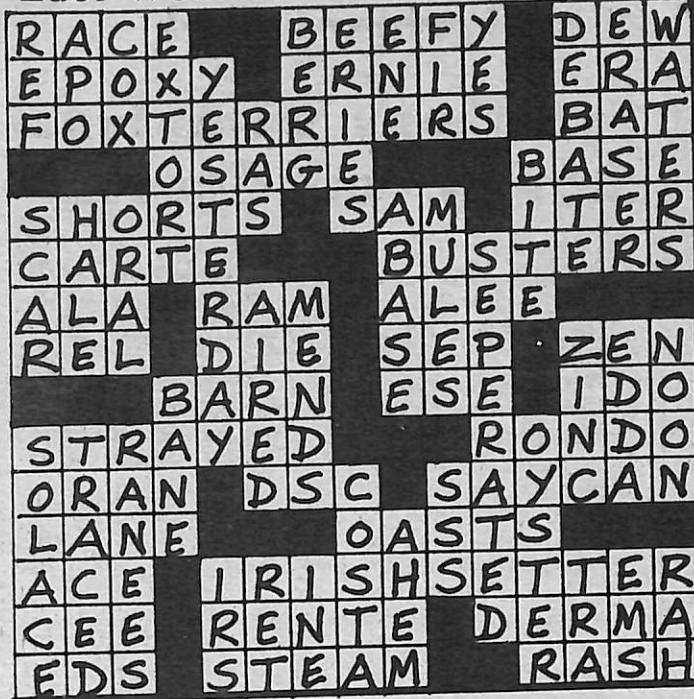
Raindate for the Atkins performance is Friday, August 9th, at Stanley Park. If it rains on the raindate, the performance will be moved to the Springfield Civic Center.

Tickets for Atkins' (seating area, \$10; lawn admission, \$6; and juniors and seniors receive a 25 percent discount) Summer Pops performance are on sale at the Westfield Chamber of Commerce, Stanhome/Western Avenue/Westfield, the office of the Springfield Symphony and all DATATIX locations.

Tickets will also be available at Stanley Park beginning at noon on performance days. For PHONE CHARGE, call 733-2291, or 1-800-243-4842.

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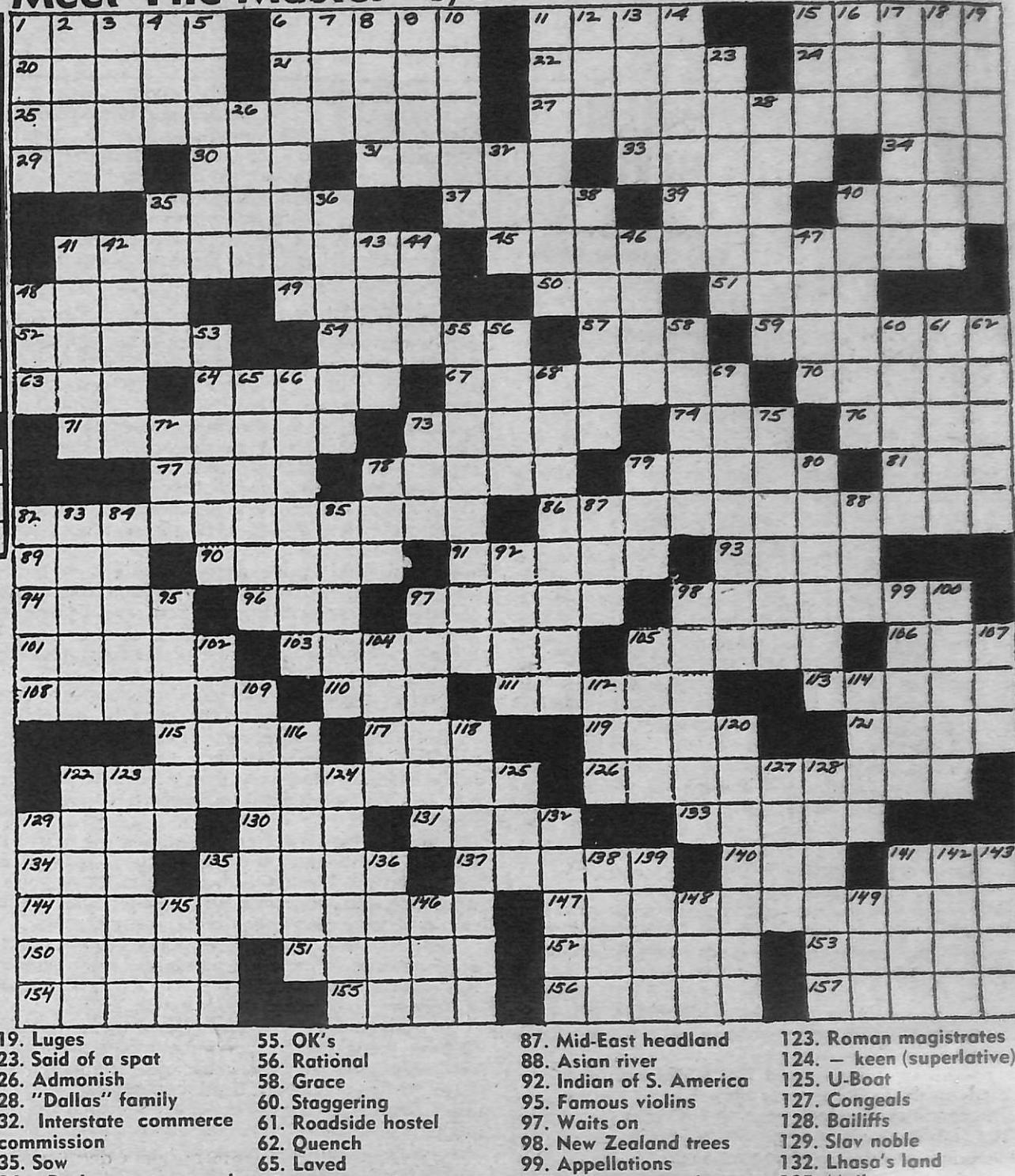
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Plans Being Finalized For The Big E!

Plans are now completed for what promises to be a bigger, better-than-ever Big E, featuring food, fun, free entertainment, and a host of activities the whole family will enjoy.

The fair starts its 12-day run in West Springfield on Wednesday, September 11th, with continuous fun and excitement until the gates close the evening of Sunday, September 22nd.

Free family entertainment is featured in the Big E's Coliseum, including the exciting Budweiser SuperCircus '85, September 11th to 17th, and the "A"-rated Eastern States Horse Show, with daily competition, September 18th to 22nd.

The Coors' Great American High Dive Team will perform astonishing diving feats into a pool far below, daily, at the New England Flag Plaza, with free shows all 12 days of the fair.

Grammy award winners, The Judds, will headline the top-rate musical entertainment at the Miller Bandshell September 14th to 16th. Sharing the Bandshell Stage will be country singing great, Reba McEntire, September 17th to 19th, and the big band sounds of the Glenn Miller Orchestra, September 20th to 22nd.

Other free shows include The Kendalls, September 11th to 13th; The Thrasher Brothers, September 11th to 16th; and the Cannons, September 17th to 22nd.

Evening performances by local musicians include the versatile Andy May, September 14th to 16th; 50's rock and roll by The Crescents, September 17th to 19th, at The Miller Bandshell; and folksinger Mark LaBranche will perform September 11th to 17th and 19th to 22nd, at the Storrowton Village Wine Garden.

Milk's Music Caravan Stage will host the talents of Gus Hardin and The Bobby Mercer Road Show, all 12 days of the fair.

Joie Chitwood's Thrill Show will bring daring motorcycle and auto stunts to the Outdoor Arena, and Ronald and friends will entertain youngsters daily on the McDonaldland Stage.

For the first time ever, a special Chinese exhibit from the Guandong Province of China, Massachusetts' "sister state," will be presented on the "Court of Honor."

Big E General Manager George Jones made a special trip to China to sign an agreement with Guandong officials to provide a 1500 square foot exhibit, which in-

cludes beautiful Chinese wood carvings, embroideries, jade, pottery, and silk. This will be a prime attraction folks won't want to miss.

The Big E will also feature many other activities and exhibits, including New England crafts on display and for sale in Storrowton Village, and in nearby areas.

As always, there will be an abundance of food from international delights to New England traditional favorites, 50 spectacular rides on the Magic Midway, plus Kiddieland rides for the small fry, and games of chance for the adventurous.

In addition, The Big E's wide range of livestock and agricultural events will capture the interest of all fairgoers. There will be separate competitions for sheep, dairy cattle, beef cattle, plus demonstrations on the Farm Festival Stage, including milking, sheep shearing, and more fun farm activities.

Fairgoers can take time out to watch livestock pulling competitions, a swine show, goat show, sheep-to-shawl contest, where wool is spun into beautiful garments; the 4-H beef auction, and a host of informative and exciting farm-related exhibits.

If the pace gets too hectic, there's always the quieter aspect of the fair — historic Storrowton Village. Here, fairgoers can step back in time and get a glimpse of Early American life.

They can tour historic buildings and relax in the shady Village Green area, while being entertained by the Cook Show Band in the Gazebo, sponsored by Coca Cola.

The Avenue of States offers a taste of New England with replicas of all six state capital buildings, each depicting the industry, commerce, history, agriculture, natural resources, and recreational facilities of the particular locale.

Other Big E attractions include the colorful Grand Parade held daily at 5:30 p.m., the Giant Slide, a bevy of antique cars on exhibit, the Freihofer Petting Zoo, with animals for petting and riding; helicopter rides for a bird's-eye view of the festivities and, of course, the fair's own large lovable mascot, BiggiE, who loves to greet kids of all ages.

Come early and stay late! This year's Big E — "New England's Great State Fair," will offer hundreds of fun things to see and do.

Crescents To Entertain At Riverfront Park

It's a walk down "memory lane" when The Crescents, a genuine 1950's showband, perform as the featured Summer Sounds concert act at Springfield's Riverfront Park on Saturday, August 3rd, at 7:30 p.m.

The park is located in Downtown Springfield, with the Connecticut River as a backdrop. All Summer Sounds concerts are free and open to the public.

The Crescents came together in 1979 and have since become the most popular rock 'n roll group in Springfield and suburban area, playing to standing room only crowds.

The 10-member group has appeared on stage with such groups as Danny and the Juniors, The Del Vikings, and The Regents.

Donning outfits indicative of the era, The Crescents seem to not only play the music but live it as well.

Among their selections will be "Charlie Brown," "Yackety Yak," "Tossin & Turnin," "Get A Job," "The Twist," "My Prayer," and "Runaway."

The various individual members of The Crescents have accumulated many years of experience prior to forming the troupe.

Singers Bob Lagimonier, Gil Rock, and Bob Boutin all sang with the original Spydells. Singer Dan Lopes had his own groups called "Crossroads" and "Danny and the Night Stars." Each man sings lead, bass, baritone, and tenor at various times.

Members Tom Tisdell of Holyoke and Dan Demers of Chicopee, on lead and rhythm guitar, at different times backed up nationally known musicians, including Stevie Wonder, Martha Rae, and the Shirelles.

Tommy Mack, a radio personality from WHYN, will serve as master of ceremonies for the evening.

The audience should bring blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy the concert. In the event of rain, the concert will be rescheduled.

Summer Sounds is sponsored by the Mayor's Office of Community Affairs, and is paid for in part by grants from the Springfield Arts Lottery and the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities.

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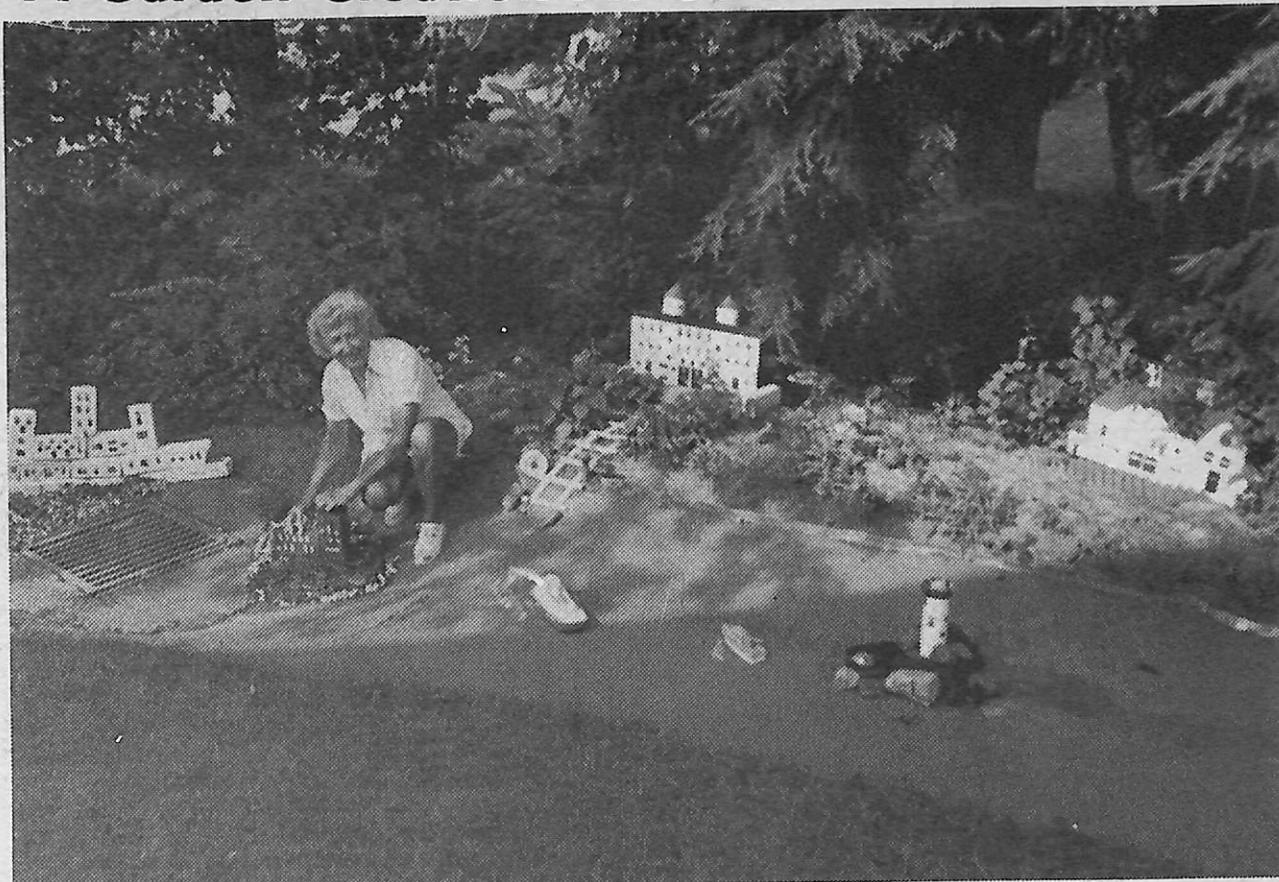
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Big E Offers Discounts On Early Tickets

The Big E will offer half price discount tickets for those who purchase tickets for the fair before September 6th.

The Big E, New England's Great State Fair, opens September 11th for its annual 12-day run in West Springfield, featuring the best in free family entertainment, host of top name talent, a wide variety of exhibits, Budweiser's SuperCircus 1985, an auto thrill show, and the magic Midway with 50 rides, all for one low gate admission.

For the first time, officials are offering half price savings on the general admission ticket to fairgoers who buy early.

General admission tickets (covering ages 14 to 59) will be sold in advance for only \$3 each. Send your order, plus a check or money order payable to The Big E, along with a legal-size self-addressed envelope to: Tickets, Eastern States Exposition, 1305 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Tickets for other age groups can also be purchased in advance at the following regular prices: Children (ages 6 to 13), \$3; Senior Citizens (ages 60 and over), \$3. Children under six are admitted free. **Closing date for advance tickets is September 6th.**

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Enjoy The Big E's night life and pay less on "half-price nights", Monday, September 16th to Thursday, September 19th, after 4:00 p.m., and still enjoy the Big E's full entertainment program and spectacular rides.

Ride the bus or Amtrak and save! Half price tickets will be available for fairgoers who come to The Big E via public transit (PVTA), and tour buses as well as Amtrak.

The Big E is a fantastic bargain with a host of free family shows that include such nationally known musical guests as Grammy Award winning duo The Judds, Reba McEntire, The Glenn Miller Orchestra, The Kendalls, and The Thrasher Brothers, plus the Eastern States Horse Show, all the Ronald McDonald characters, and much more.

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Capt. Leonard House Undergoes Facelift

The Board of Trustees of the Captain Charles Leonard House is pleased to announce the completion during the month of July of three projects to improve the property.

Bright new paint greets the eye on the outside and on the inside of Agawam's attractive historical community house. Recently, all the exterior walls, windows, and porches of the house were painted. The window shutters are presently being painted and repaired by a dedicated benefactor and friend, George L. Reynolds.

The Board of Trustees expresses sincere appreciation to the many individuals, businesses, and civic organizations that contributed to make the improvements possible.

Special thanks to the Agawam Lions Club, the Polish American Club, and Agawam UNICO for their generous donations applied towards the exterior painting project. Members of the Agawam Women's Clubs have also contributed generously.

The organizations that hold meetings regularly at the Captain Charles Leonard House will enjoy the new look in the serving kitchen and in the main front hallway.

The kitchen cabinets and ceiling have been painted and attractive new paper was applied to the walls. Extensive work was done in the main hallway, with removal of the entire old ceiling. This was replaced by a new hand-plastered ceiling. Some clean-up work remains to be accomplished but the Captain Charles Leonard House really looks great!

Residents of Agawam are cordially invited to take a tour of the Captain Charles Leonard House at any time. Arrangements can be made by calling Mr. & Mrs. Franklin J. Downey at 786-9421.

Blood, Sweat & Tears Set For August 2nd At Riverside

Every Friday in August one of a variety of nationally known artists is scheduled to appear at Riverside Park. From the 1950's craze to the 1970's greats, up to today's hottest talents will take part in the Budweiser/Riverside concert series.

Friday, August 2nd, marks the start of the series with the legendary band Blood, Sweat & Tears starring David Clayton-Thomas.

August 9th is an oldies revue featuring the great Lou Christie, Tommy James and Del Shannon. One of today's hot talents, Bonnie Rait, will appear August 16th, followed by Pure Prairie League August 23rd.

To finish off this outstanding line-up, today's funnyman "Weird Al" Yankovic will appear August 30th, all presented by Budweiser and Riverside Park.

All the concerts will be held at Riverside Park in Agawam, Massachusetts, in the Speedway Stadium at 8:00 p.m. Admission to the 100 rides, shows and attractions includes the concert for the evening.

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Coaches' Camp Has Successful Inaugural Session

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

A total of 44 town boys' between ages 8 to 13 attended the "Coaches' Baseball Camp," directed by Lou Conte and Brian Rheault from July 8th to 12th at the Sacred Heart Athletic Fields in Feeding Hills.

It was the first year the camp was offered. It featured an all-around program with an emphasis on hitting. Rheault said of the camp after its conclusion, "The way it ran, plus the beautiful weather we had went beyond our expectations. With a first-year program you never know how things are going to run. Everything went smoothly."

The five-day camp began from an evaluation process, where each boys' skill was reviewed, to an almost individualized learning process.

Conte is the junior high baseball coach and is a physical education instructor at the Agawam Middle School. He is a former player in the prestigious Cape Cod League and was an all-star in the semi-pro Tri-County League for many years.

Rheault presently coaches the junior varsity program at Agawam High School and also played Tri-County baseball. Both he and Conte were outstanding players while at Agawam High School.

Various Skills Pushed

On day one, campers were evaluated on their throwing, infield and outfield play, and pitching. After this, the group was broken into four units to work on various skills.

The beginning of the week included a general, overall workout, according to Rheault. By week's end, however, the camp became very detailed.

In the morning, various aspects of the game, such as catching, pitching, infield and outfield were worked on. After a brief lecture on a particular skill, the campers would then do drills to improve these areas.

"One thing we tried to do was let everyone experience all positions. That gave the kids a chance to see if there were any positions they could play well," noted Rheault. "Also, any kid that was unsure about what position he liked could find out where he felt most comfortable on the field."

A feature of the camp was the emphasis on hitting. Bill Bedard, a noted and respected hitting instructor in this area, worked participants hard each day.

"The kids did a lot of hitting," said Rheault. "We had two pitching machines, a batting cage, and the excellent instruction of Bill Bedard. The kids liked the hitting the most and they sure got their fill of it."

During game-type situations, which were played every afternoon, Bedard would keep a close-eye on each hitter. He wanted to watch for any changes in hitting styles which can occur in a live situation, rather than just a batting practice.

Besides Bedard, Conte and Rheault were assisted by former Agawam High players Tim Ayre and Scott Raymond. Also, high school players Tony Moccio, B.J. Massoia, and Pete Vecchiarelli lent helping hands.

At the end of each day, the campers would play a trivia game relating to baseball. Prizes were awarded for correct answers. Also at week's end, four campers-of-the-week were named. They were selected on the basis of fulfilling the camp's philosophy, according to Rheault.

The winners were Chris Webster, Mark Swiklau, Tom McElligott, and John Regish.

After Hours Instruction

An added bonus to the camp was the "after hours" instruction that was made available. The daily session ran from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., but the instructors were willing to stay longer if anyone wanted extra help.

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BATTING INSTRUCTOR BILL BEDARD (left) gives youngsters Tim Burns, Marc Scortino, and Chris Webster some tips about the pitching machine at the Coaches' Camp, held last month. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

"Armchair" Softballers End Season

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Just when you thought you were too old to get out of bed every Sunday morning in the summer, along came the Agawam Men's Over-40 Slo-Pitch Softball League, which just concluded its second year of competition at Harmon Smith Field on Sunday, July 28th.

Six teams participated this year, compared to four a year ago. The league includes a 10-game schedule. Informality is the order of the day for the league. No standings are kept, no practices prepare the teams for games, and the competitive juices are kept at a low ebb.

Actually, the league has been tagged with such names as "The Over The Hill League," "The Fun Bunch," and "The Aches & Pains Circuit."

"We had some really fun times this season," said Agawam Parks & Recreation Director Jack Kunasek,

who played for one of the teams. "We kidded each other a lot and tried to keep the competition light."

Phil Vecchiarelli, one of the six coaches, just completed his second year of competition and he's looking forward to next year.

"We have a great time because it's fun and no one takes it too seriously. The purpose is to have fun and get some exercise while doing it," said Vecchiarelli from his rocking chair on Tuesday. "Sometimes, the ball gets by you, but you've got expect that. It's all for fun anyway."

Paul Cavallo, another coach, can see the league growing next year due to increased interest.

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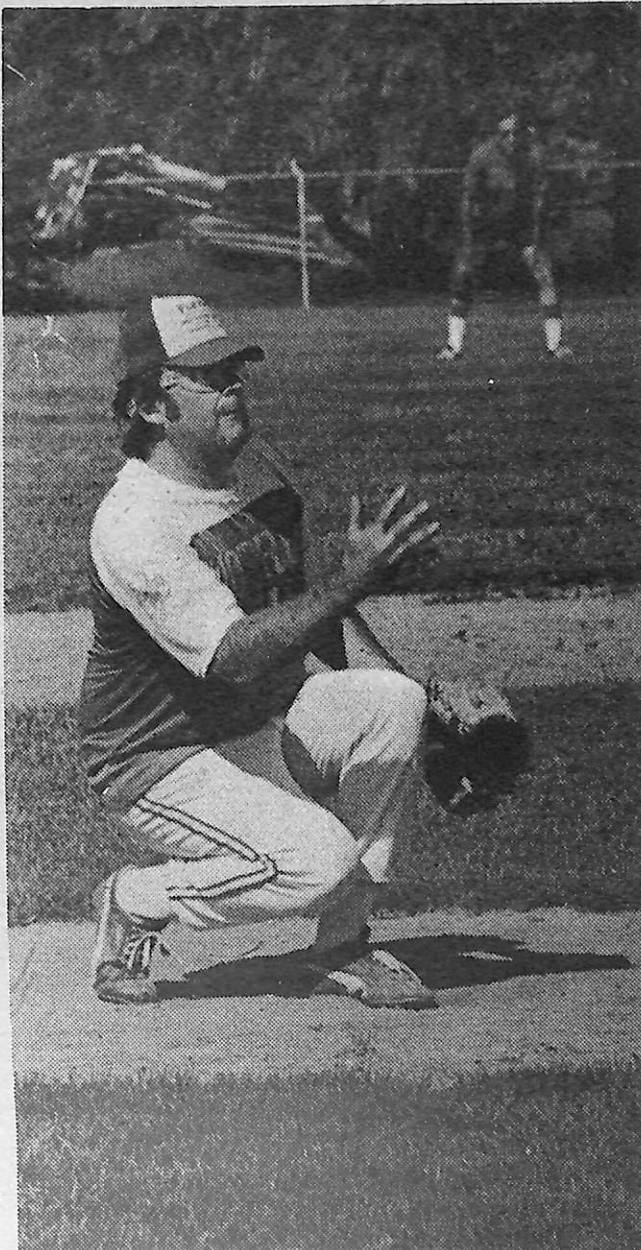


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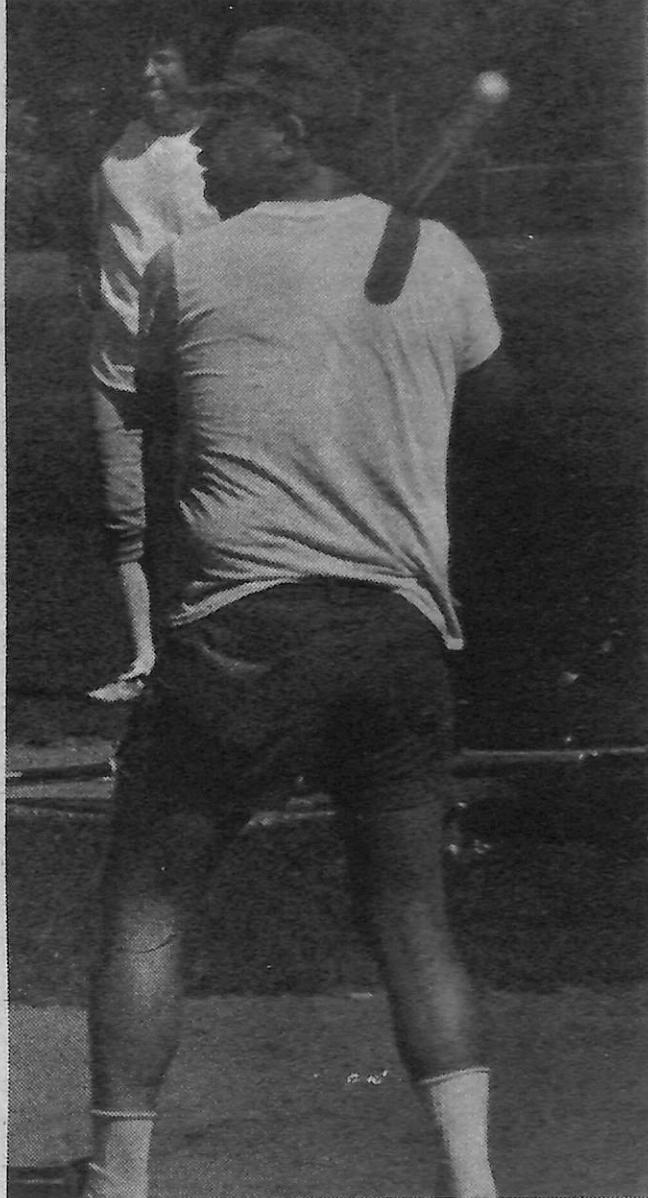
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PITCHER MIKE MEREDITH puts so much effort into his moonballs that he finishes his motion just about on his knees. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SHOWING HIS FORM in the Men's Over-40 Softball League is Billy Decoteau. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



BATTER-UP! No, this isn't Casey At-Bat but another one of the armchair warriors in the Agawam Slo-Pitch Softball League, Over-40 version. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

COACHES' CAMP - From Page 29...

"What we liked about the camp was that we saw some really quality players with a lot of talent," said Rheault. "We hope that a camp like ours can provide the interest and the instruction to bring out the players' skills. We enjoyed ourselves and I know the kids did too."

Both Conte and Rheault stated they were most appreciative of the Sacred Heart Athletic Association for the use of their fine facilities and cooperation in making the first-year program a success.

ARMCHAIR - From Page 29...

"I can definitely see the league growing every year. We're finally getting players to be committed to coming all the time," Cavallo said. "The league is competitive in a sense, but for the most part, it's just a very relaxed time."

Approximately 80 arm-chained warriors participated this summer. Most of the teams averaged between 12-15 players. Besides Vecchiarelli and Cavallo, Dave Cleavall, Richard DiLullo, John Higgins, and George Noonan coached teams.

A father-son softball game will take place on Sunday, August 11th, at Harmon Smith Field, according to Vecchiarelli, to climax the Men's Over-40 season.

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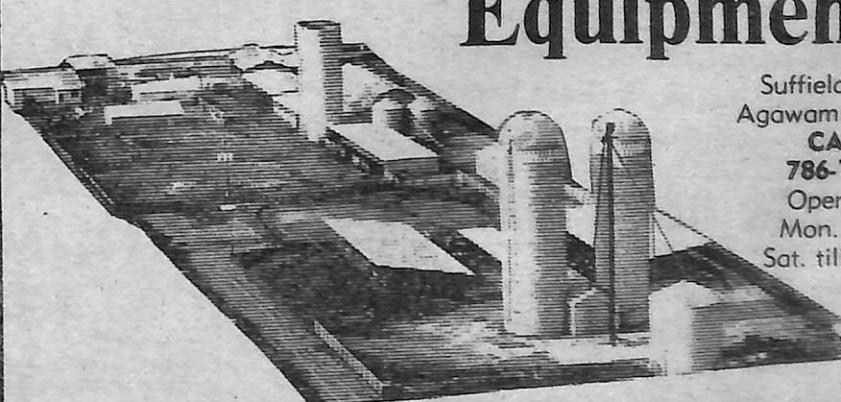
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Five-Run Rally Keeps Down East Variety Atop In Div. B

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

A five-run rally in the top of the seventh inning unlocked an 8-8 ballgame as Down East Variety held off a stubborn Buccaneer Lounge team en route to a 13-8 victory on Tuesday, July 30th, at Shea's Field.

The win preserved Down East's first place position in the Division B-American of the Agawam Men's Slo-Pitch Softball League. Down East boasts a 19-3-1 record. Buccaneer dropped to 14-13 but has qualified for the championship playoffs, set to begin August 12th, nonetheless.

Buccaneer had clawed its way back into the thick of battle with a three-run spurt in the bottom of the sixth, tying the game at 8-8.

However, Down East's 10th hitter, Ted Dobek, laced a bases loaded single to left centerfield with two out in the top of the seventh, contributing to the five-run rally.

Bill Egan's sacrifice fly to centerfield notched two more runs for the winners, thanks in part to the hustling baserunning of Scott Josephson.

Just before this, Josephson had scored the eventual game-winner with a safety down the rightfield line that same inning.

The scoring see-sawed earlier. Down East recorded several key hits to take a seemingly safe, 8-5 margin in the sixth. Josephson again figured into the scorecard with a booming, three-run homer to deep right centerfield.

An error and a sacrifice fly by Jim Egan accounted for two more Down East runs that inning.

The bottom of the sixth gave Buccaneer some new life as Paul Kennedy's RBI single and Bill Liberty's two-run shot to right centerfield put them right back into the game at 8-8.

KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS 7-FARM CREDIT BANK 1: Everyone figured into the hitting parade as a fired-up Knights of Columbus downed cellar-dweller Farm Credit Bank, 7-1 on Tuesday, July 30th, at Shea's Field, in more Division B-American action.

KC upped their mark to 13-8 as they've secured a spot in the playoffs.

KC plated three runs in both the fourth and fifth innings to pull away. Winning pitcher Jeff Roberts allowed only five hits.

Roberts also contributed offensively with a two RBI performance. Second baseman John Lund smacked a two-run homer in the fifth inning and Bill Tierney, who excelled defensively in left centerfield for the winners, also added two safeties.

POND EKBERG 6-BROADLEAF AUTO SALES 5: Shortstop Jeff Garbarino cracked the game-winning sacrifice fly to lift Pond/Ekberg Printers to a tight, 6-5 victory over Broadleaf Auto Sales, in Division B-National action.

Despite being one man short, Pond/Ekberg raised their record to 7-17, while Broadleaf dropped to 4-21. Both squads are out of playoff contention.

Garbarino's all-around play, which included several back-handed grabs in the hole at shortstop, was crucial to the outcome.

Player/coach Frank Chiaro's sacrifice fly and Craig Asselin's run-scoring single accounted for Pond/Ekberg's first two runs.

Brad Hienbokal rapped two runners home in the fourth to break a 2-2 tie in the fourth, and both teams battled back and forth to even the game at 5-5.

One of Pond/Ekberg's most consistent players, third baseman Dan Fife, put in yet another outstanding defensive performance at the hot corner.

Agawam Women's Softball Standings (As Of July 28th)

"A" Division

	16	5	0
Desi's Place	16	5	0
Village Lounge	16	6	0
Buccaneer Lounge Red	12	9	0
W.S. Legion 207	11	9	1
Buccaneer Lounge Gold	10	10	1
F. H. Polish Club	7	13	2
Curran/Jones	1	21	0

"B" Division

	19	3	0
Slech Auto Body	18	3	0
Supreme Courts	17	4	0
Billy T's	17	4	0
Elbow Lounge	17	4	0
Southworth Paper Co.	8	14	1
Bad News Bears	7	15	1
Building 451	4	15	1
Agawam Moose Club	3	18	1
Bay State Medical	2	20	0

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Desi's Place Escapes West Side, 6-5

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

In an exciting, eight inning contest, Desi's Place eked out a 6-5 victory over West Springfield Legion on Monday, July 29th, to help preserve their first place spot with a 17-5 record in Division A of the Agawam's Women's Slo-Pitch Softball League.

West Side dropped to 11-10 as they are battling it out with Buccaneer Lounge Gold for the fourth and final playoff spot in the upcoming playoffs, scheduled to kick-off Monday, August 5th.

The game was tied three times as both clubs slugged away.

The game was deadlocked at 4-4 at the end of the regulation seven innings. In the top of the eighth, Donna Martinello and Mimi Gleason accounted for their last two runs (6-4).

In the bottom of the eighth, Desi's had to hold-on for dear life when Legion put on a bid to win it. Ann Simons' sacrifice fly scored a run to come within 6-5.

With two out and two baserunners on, Legion seemed poised for the kill but an easy flyball to leftfield ended it.

Legion drew first blood with a Sandy Cross sacrifice fly to score Simons. Desi's tied it with a Gleason fielder's choice with the bases loaded. However, strong defense by Legion turned a double play to stop cold Desi's rally. Desi's had three runners on with no outs, but could score just one run.

In the fourth, Reanne Burke sent a basehit to left centerfield to give Desi's a 2-1 lead. In the fifth, Janet DalMolin connected for a safety to up the lead to 3-1.

Legion came right back with a two-run single up the middle by Mary Murray. With the bases filled and two outs, Desi's third baseman Tammy Szydlo registered the defensive play of the night.

She robbed Cathy Meader of extra bases when she snared a screeching line drive headed for extra bases down the line. This rally-stopper was the most important play of the night.

A hustling Gleason scored all the way from first base off a Katie Davidson single to centerfield to put Desi's up, 4-3, but in the bottom of the seventh, Legion responded to tie it again.

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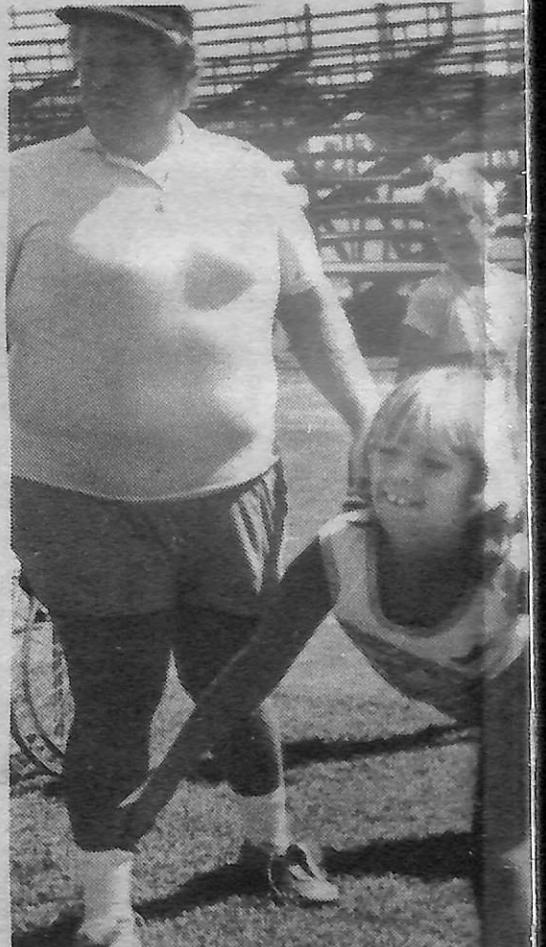
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FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THOSE PARTICIPATING in the town's Special Recreation Olympics is as much a part of the event as the actual games. From left - Jennifer Vigue, Mark Lapinski, Pamella Michon, and Timothy Smyth.



THE THRILL OF VICTORY: Steven Kennedy and Jaime Rivera are quite pleased with themselves after winning medals at the Special Recreation Olympics at Harmon Smith Field.



GARY DESIMONE (left) watches as he softball during competition at the Olympics.

41 Participate In Annual Event Sponsored By Town's Park & Recreation Department

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

"The special Olympics is the tip of the iceberg for Camp Rainbow," said first-year director Ted Tudryn.

Camp Rainbow, the Agawam Park & Recreation sponsored summer program for the town's special needs persons, held their Third Annual Special Recreation Olympics on Wednesday, July 24th, at Harmon Smith Field.

Forty-one campers, ranging in age 5 to 21, participated. Over 90 parents and friends watched the games and then all gathered to celebrate the day with a cookout. Food was supplied by the parents.

"It was a well-planned, well-organized day for the campers. It wouldn't have been a success without the support of the community and the School Department," noted Tudryn.

Adaptive physical education instructor Bill Wysocki organized the Special Recreation Olympics, receiving help from both Tudryn and the staff of Camp Rainbow.

There were five events, including frisbee throw, softball throw, running events, wheelchair races, and broad jump. The frisbee event was judged on accuracy.

Participants tossed it through a hoop. Distance was also figured into the judging.

The wheelchair races were judged on distance and a slalom course.

Nearly every participant received a medal for their accomplishments. The medals were funded by the Natalie Sokal Memorial Fund, which is funded through donations of School Department employees.

School administrators, teachers, secretaries, custodians, and other personnel participate in fundraising events such as a bowl-a-thon at the Agawam Bowl and a raffle.

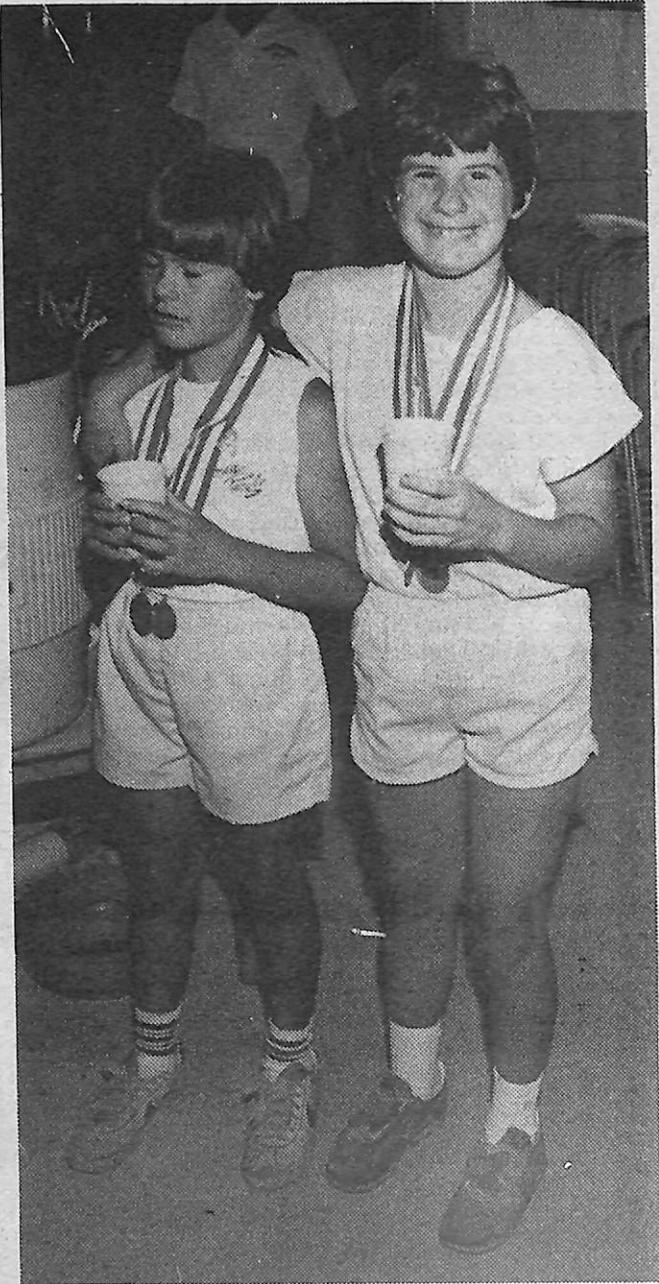
"We were fortunate enough to be able to give the kids something for their accomplishments. They worked very hard for their Olympics and they deserve to be rewarded," said Tudryn.

He added, "We are lucky that the people in the School Department care enough about these special needs persons that they help support them through this fund. I know we at Camp Rainbow certainly appreciate it."

Olympics Very Special Day



HAIL, HAIL, THE GANG'S ALL HERE: Lining up to show-off their medals at Harmon Smith Field last week are, back row, from left - Joy Fox, Michael Montessi, Jennifer Hayes, Laura Hougason, and Jodi Parrow. Front row - Russell St. Pierre, Robert Brunton, and Eric Stolpin.



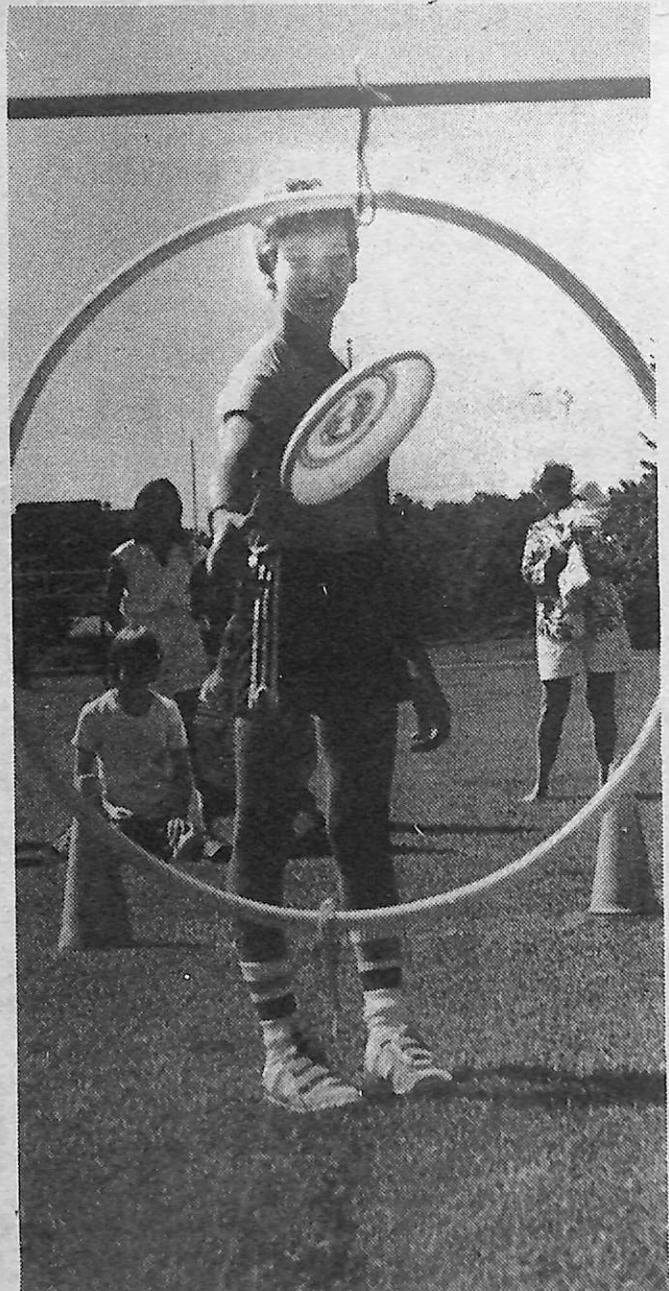
SHOWING THEY ARE REALLY PALS: Shelby Labbe and Cathy Rahilly. The Special Recreation Olympics was a special day for both children.



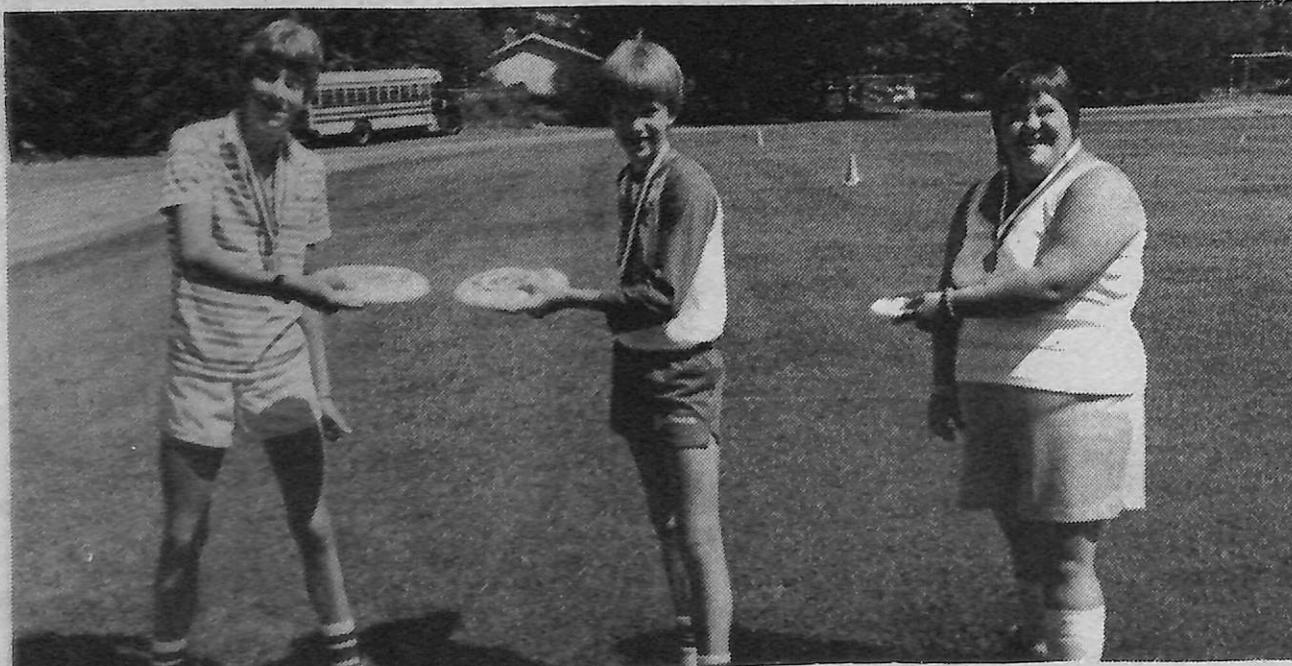
as Nikole Seymour launches the the town's Special Recreation



FROM LEFT - JOY FOX, Robert Brunton, and Laurie Hougaison await the start of the board jump competition.



MICHAEL MONTESSI shows much expertise in the frisbee toss at Harmon Smith Field.



PRACTICING THEIR FRISBEE THROWS at the town's Special Recreation Olympics last week are, from left - Russell St. Pierre, Eric Stolpin, and Jodi Parrow.

Dick Joseph's Unloads Collins Construction Win SHAA 14-16 Title

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Streaking Dick Joseph's raised their record to 23-5 with a 13-2 pummeling of Tavern Inn on Tuesday, July 30th, at Shea's Field, in the Division A of the Agawam Men's Slo-Pitch Softball League.

DJ's remain in sole possession of first place. They lead second place Village Lounge by five full games at press time.

Ten different DJ's players figured into the scoring as their talented offensive arsenal exploded for 13 runs. DJ's scored in every inning but the sixth.

Tavern Inn could only muster two runs, both initiated by Jackie Smith. He bounced a solo homer to deep left centerfield for one run, and had an RBI safety to account for the other.

In the first inning, Rick Hoey and Mike Carter each smacked RBI singles to give DJ's a 2-0 lead. Three more markers in the second frame came from Brian Davivo reaching on an error; John Provost's infield sacrifice; and then Mike Jiles hit an RBI single.

Powerful Scott Aye launched a tremendous shot to the right centerfield gap for a lead-off homer in the third. Joe Landry followed suit the next inning with a two-run blast over the rightfielder's head. Aye also chalked up another RBI.

Jim Shaw hit a single to centerfield to plate another two runners, and Davivo's sacrifice fly to centerfield gave DJ's an insurmountable, 11-1 lead.

Winning pitcher Dick Stepanian powered a single to rightfield and Provost added another run to close out game-scoring.

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COLLINS CONSTRUCTION recently won the championship of the 14-16 boys' league in the Sacred Heart Athletic Association. Back row, from left - John Dorval, coach; Dave Ziegert, Eric Early, Cris Wood, Marc Early, Tom Mesick, and Paul Cavallo, coach. Front row - Pete Borey, Rob Morin, Eric Burnett, Scott Cavallo, Eric Brumley. Missing from photo - Mike Dorval, Rick Mesick, and Jim Menard.

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Mill Valley Country Club, Oak Ridge Country Club, Pine Grove Golf Club, St. Anne's Country Club, Shaker Farms Country Club, Skyline Country Club, Tekoa Country Club, and Whipperton Country Club.

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Agawam Legion Ends Summer Campaign By Taking West Side

by Judith Kelliher
Advertiser News Sports Editor

The downbeat season of the Agawam Legion Post 185 baseball team concluded on a high note when the locals used a 14-hit attack, their biggest of the summer, to down West Springfield Post 207, 11-8 on Monday, July 29th.

Strongman Ron Wieners, in his last game of eligibility in Legion play, sparked Agawam to the satisfying victory with a sparkling 5-5 performance, including a homerun and 5 RBIs.

In other recent action, a short-handed Agawam team lost by forfeit to Ludlow on Sunday, July 28th. First-year pitcher Ed Mutti finally got a win when the locals scored a major upset over Zone 3A leader Easthampton Post 224, 8-4 on Saturday, July 27th. Agawam also won by forfeit over Chicopee Center on July 15th.

First-year coach Bob Regish's charges finished the second round of play at 3-10 and were 5-21 overall this summer.

Wieners had been simmering all season long. Although he did have a good season at the plate, the Westfield State College player unleashed a tremendous barrage in Agawam's win over West Side.

His two-run single in the fourth frame keyed a five-run uprising.

Also contributing in that inning was Ed Mutti, who knocked in two more runs with a triple. Tom King, who came on strong offensively in the late season, added two safeties of his own.

Pitcher Tony Kunasek got the win as he relieved Rob Regish after one inning. John Bubar replaced Kunasek and he shutdown West Side in the last two frames in superb fashion.

"It felt really good to win this last game of the season," said Regish. "Everyone did their jobs, especially Wieners and Kunasek. They came through with the big hits and pitching we've been looking for."

"We waited 24 games for this," was how Regish described the big victory over Easthampton.

"I was especially pleased that Ed Mutti finally got a win. He's done such a good job all season, it was a long time coming," he added.

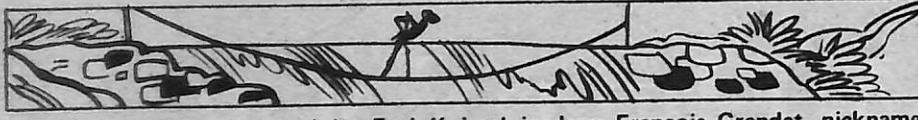
While E. Hamp got 11 hits off Mutti, they were of the scattered variety.

The upset victory by Agawam was very painful for the losers. They were looking to claim the top spot in the second round of the Zone 3A standings. The loss clinched a tie for first place with Aldenville. Both teams were 9-2 at presstime.

Agawam collected nine hits of their own. A five-run rally in the third inning gave them a 6-0 lead and E. Hamp never fully recovered for that shock.

Hits by Jerry Allen, Wieners, Mutti, Tim Sheehan, and Bob Barbarini in the third produced the five runs.

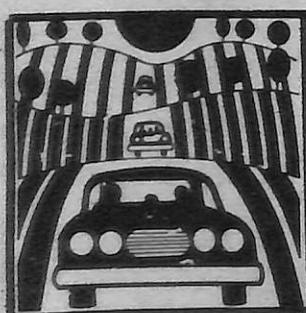
Barbarini's two doubles and King's two singles helped fuel the victory.



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SPORTSMAN'S CORNER

by Bill Chiba

About Agawam Bowmen

This Sunday, August 4th, the Agawam Bowmen are host to a NEAU archery shoot at the Bowmen's range on top of the mountain off Route 57 in Southwick.

The tournament will start at 8:00 a.m., and registration will cease at 1:00 p.m. Awards will be made in every class registered to shoot. The previous shoot recently held was attended by 100 archers. Refreshments will be available.

For the bowhunter shooting any make of bow, except the crossbow, Central Berkshire Bowmen in Pittsfield are hosting a "Boar Shoot" under the auspices of the Tri-State League. The range is located on West Street in Pittsfield.

Time is growing short concerning the purchasing of tickets for the 40th Anniversary Dinner being held by the Mawaga Sporting Club, Inc. Bob Steele, personality from WTIC AM/FM, Hartford, Connecticut, will be master of ceremonies. Tickets are now available at \$35 per couple and \$20 per single. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Orders, accompanied by checks, must be in by August 15th. Make the checks out to Mawaga Sporting Club, Inc., and send to Carl E. Nelsen, P.O. Box 411,

West Springfield, Massachusetts, 01090. Make your preference known when ordering the tickets whether you want baked scrod or rib roast of beef. Your tickets will be mailed out to within a week of receiving your order.

Salmon Fever

There is an incurable disease that arrives in late summer on Lake Ontario which has a devastating effect on thousands of fishermen. It is known as "King Salmon Fever."

The Eslo/Shakespeare King Salmon Derby is offering a cure with over \$116,000 in guaranteed prizes. From August 24th to September 2nd, the tournament will encompass the entire New York State shoreline of Lake Ontario, which has become known as the "King Salmon Capital of the Great Lakes."

Last August, our 30 pound salmon didn't make the qualifying weight for consideration for a prize in the contest. The fish considered for prizes ran in weight from 32 to 48 pounds. This year, the prize for the largest King Salmon is valued at \$28,000. It only costs \$10 to enter the contest.

My wife, Edie, and I, have already registered and are hoping to be one of the lucky winners this year. Every year the fishing for the Kings means more experience and more knowledge gained. This is our fourth year and we are ready!

Of course, there are money prizes for the largest brown, coho, steelhead, and lake trout to be sought, too.

You can register at any of the marinas on Lake Ontario. The awards will be given out September 2nd, Labor Day, at the New York State Fair in Syracuse, at 5:30 p.m., in the Miller Court Outdoor Auditorium.

Cable TV To Air Weekly Auto Racing Show

To further the exposure and promotion of auto racing, Ben Dodge, Jr., noted New England racing personality, will be the host of New England's first Auto Racing weekly program called, "Race Week."

The program will feature auto racing at the Stafford Motor Speedway and the Riverside Park Speedway. It will feature actual footage of each weekend's competition, plus a look behind the scenes, with editor's notes, interviews, and a look at up-and-coming events at other facilities, and more.

On Thursday, August 1st, at 8:00 p.m., "Race Week" appeared to Continental Cable customers on Channel 9 in Enfield, Somers, Granby, East Windsor, Hartland, Suffield, Windsor Locks, and Stafford Springs. Other areas receiving the program had it aired on Channel 12A in Springfield, Westfield, Agawam, South Hadley, Granby, Northampton, Longmeadow, and East Longmeadow. The program is expected to expand to other areas.

"Race Week" is a concept that was started by former S.K. modified driver Tim Deroin of Chicopee. Deroin is extremely interested in the sport and will be the show's producer. Deroin is Continental Cablevision's video technician. John Anderson of Continental will be the executive producer of the program hosted

"The best sauce in the world is hunger."

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by Dodge.

The program will be filmed on located at Stafford Motor Speedway and Riverside Park Speedway, and will include special footage on other events in auto racing. Dodge, perhaps most noted for his involvement in the recent success of Riverside Park, is the voice of the Stafford Motor Speedway and Riverside Park Speedway. He has guest announced and is highly respected as one of the leading figures involved in the promotion of New England racing.

Dodge is also the host of one of the leading talk shows on auto racing in New England. His program called "Motorsport Line" is featured as an hour and thirty minute event on WSPR 1270 Springfield each Monday. The program has an impressive following and ranks high in format rating.

"I am really pleased to be asked to host a program that I feel will be a trendsetter in motorsports," said Dodge. "Tim (Deroin) has put a lot of work in this. With a lot of work from all of us, the show will be a success. I am honored to have signed an agreement to be the host of "Race Week."

Continental Cable Television is located on 5 Niblick Road, Enfield, and will use its studios for the program.

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Agawam Men's Softball Standings (As Of July 28th)

"A" Division

	W	L	T
Dick Joseph's	22	5	0
Village Lounge	18	8	1
Dante Club	14	11	1
Showcase International	10	14	0
Tavern Inn	9	15	0
Walls Sports	2	22	0

"B" National

Teddy Bear Pools	17	4	2
Gino's Package	15	4	4
Desi's Place	16	6	1
F. H. Public Market	16	6	1
Grimaldi Gamblers	16	10	0
Dillon's Lounge	15	10	0
Tavern Inn	13	8	1
Antonio's Pizza	13	8	0
G. M. Enterprises	11	10	0
Jessica's Lounge	9	13	0
Agawam Moose Club	9	14	0
Court House	7	16	0
Pond/Ekberg	6	17	1
Broadleaf Auto Sales	4	20	0
Adriatic Club	2	22	0

"B" American

Down East Variety	19	3	1
Bogeys	17	5	0
Abbott Tax Service	14	9	0
Buccaneer Lounge	14	12	0
Tickets Unlimited	12	11	0
Tri County Sales	12	12	0
K Of C	11	8	1
Jiffy Lube	10	13	0
Parrot's Service	8	14	0
Grimaldi's Oilers	6	16	0
Farm Credit Bank	2	21	0

Beginning In Our August 8th Edition, We Will Begin In-Depth Coverage Of The Playoffs In The Agawam Slo-Pitch Women's League. The Following Week, August 15th, The Coverage Of The Men's Playoffs Will Begin. Don't Miss It!

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Ruggerio Grabs Another Riverside Victory

Riverside Park Speedway hosted another spectacular 100 lap event in the Nascar Winston Racing Series on Saturday, July 27th. The function was sponsored by Riverdale Chrysler, Orbit Motors, and Eagle Snacks. It was also a qualifying event for the R. J. Reynolds Winston 300 at Thompson Speedway and the Pocono Cam 2 Race of Champions.

The 100 lap Budweiser Special had rookie driver Tom Bolles of Ellington, Connecticut, leading for some 77 laps of competition. Bolles started on the pole and did not fold to the pressures of the impressive field.

Riverside's main event started with two cautions before the first lap was complete. Jerry Marquis met with misfortune on the first lap and Ken Bouchard broke his steering wheel on the restart.

When the green came out, Bolles set the pace in the Fyne Lyne Troyer-built modified. Bolles, at one point, had a straight-aways lead. On lap 78, Reggie Ruggiero of Forestville moved to the outside and took the lead after a severe battle with Bolles. Once the Hampden Meadows Shell Sunbird was out in front, he pulled away without a problem.

At the checker following Ruggiero, it was Ray Miller of East Granby. Miller, in the closing laps, put on an impressive charge to overtake second in the Bill Simons Cavalier. Third went to the Bolles' Cavalier; fourth, Stan Greger of Southington, Connecticut, driving for Riverside Chrysler; and fifth, Marty Radewick of Agawam.

Rounding out the top ten were John Rosati of Agawam, Ted Riggott of Hartland, Corky Cookman of

Green Farms, Connecticut, Punky Caron of Goshen, New Hampshire, and Gary Barnes of Canton, Connecticut. Barnes also won the 340 Bonus for the first time in 1985.

Heat races with bonus cash from Riverdale Chrysler-Orbit Motors and Budweiser paid bonus heat money worth \$200 for each event. Modified heats were won by Miller, Radewick, and Bolles. Each winner also received a stuffed Eagle Snacks Eagle. A special Riverdale Chrysler match race between Ruggiero and Greger was also held with Greger the winner.

The Orbit Motors-Ugly Duckling Rent-A-Car Pro Stock feature was won by Jim McCallum of Charlton, Massachusetts. McCallum used his experience to take the victory. Second went to Ruggiero; third, Ed Lavoie of Vernon, Connecticut; fourth, Paul Suprannant of Springfield; and fifth, Rick Turcotte. Sixth to tenth went to Jerry Marquis, Scott Bouder, Pete Fiandaca, Fran Colson, and Scott Bouley. The event also paid Orbit bonus cash for the top three.

It was a first time winner in the Street Stock and a very deserving victory for Dan Lavoie of Windsor, Connecticut. It was also the first feature event win for the Ford Manufacturers' line in the 1980's.

Defending champion Larry Vassar was second; third, Jim Mavlooganes; fourth, Wayne Thrall; and fifth, Phil Smith. Rounding out the top ten were Bob Newcomb, Fran Pyko, John Lobo, Jr., and Tony Morehouse.



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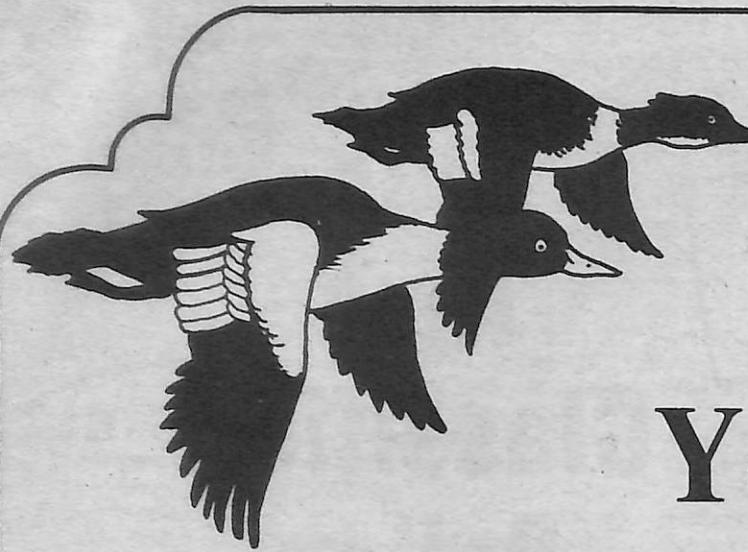
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